

The Benko Gambit

133 Reference Games



Chess Notes 2025

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[Kitty Kat]

E60: King's Indian: Unusual lines and Fianchetto Variation without Nc3

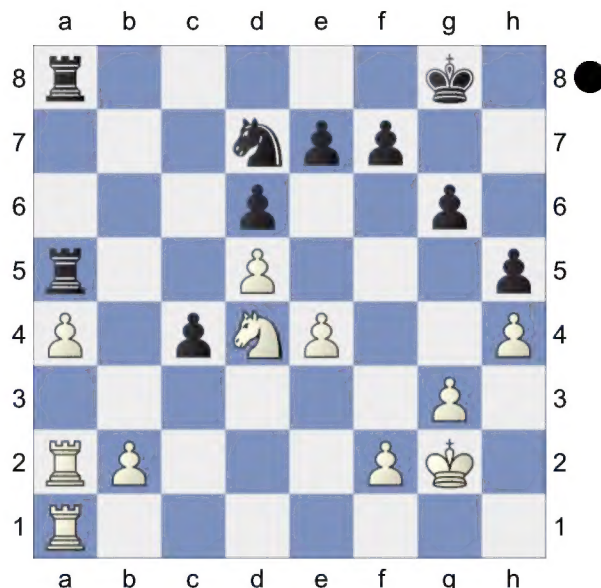
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.g3 Bg7 7.Bg2 d6 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Nf3 Nxa6 10.0-0 Bf5 11.a3N

[11.Nd2 Nb4 12.Nc4 Bc2 13.Qd2 Bb3 14.Na3 Bxd5 15.Nxd5 Nfxd5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Qxd5 Rxa3 18.Bh6 Qa8 19.Qxa8 Raxa8 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Rfc1 Rfb8 22.Rc2 Kf6 23.Kf1 Ke5 24.Ke1 Kd5 25.Rd1+ Kc6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (41) The Russian Gruenfeld,N (2667)-Winter (2811) SRB-chT 1st League 2010 (4)]

[11.Re1 Ne4 12.Nxe4 (12.Bd2 Nb4 13.Nh4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Nc2 15.Nxf5 Nxe1 16.Nh6+ Bxh6 17.Bxh6 Nxg2 18.Bxf8 Qxf8 19.Kxg2 Qg7 20.Qb3 Qe5 21.Qc4 f5 22.a4 Kf7 23.f3 g5 24.a5 h5 25.a6 g4 26.Ra2 e6 1-0 (34) Grillo Torres,G (2047)-3 e4 Nf6,6 (1630) CCOL11 fin-02 9298 1992 (5)) 12...Bxe4 13.Nd2 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Qa5 15.e4 Nb4 Osnos,V (2774)-Warlick,J (2754) Airthings Masters | Prelims 2020]

11...Qc7 12.Nd2 c4 White has an edge. 13.Nf3 Qd7 14.Be3 Rfc8 15.Re1 Rab8 16.Ra2 Bh3 17.Bd4! Nc5 18.a4 Ra8 19.Bxc5 Rxc5 20.Qd2 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Qc8 22.h4 h5! 23.e4 Nd7 24.Nd4 Bxd4! 25.Qxd4 Rca5 26.Rea1 Qc5! 27.Ne2 Qxd4 28.Nxd4

(Diagram)



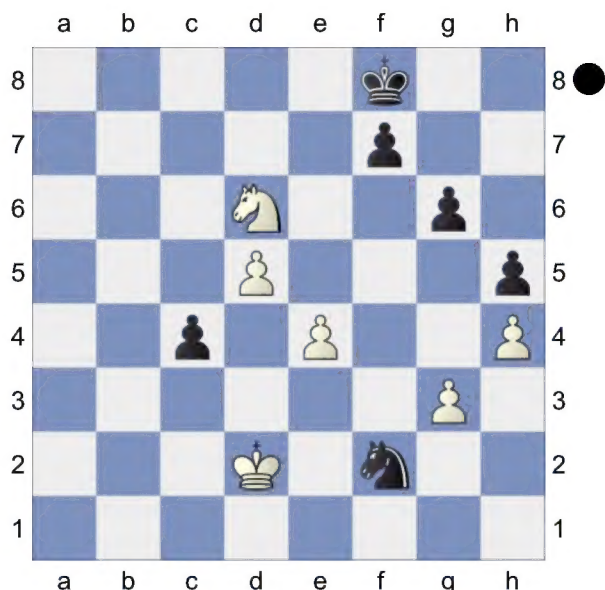
Nc5 29.Nc6 Rxa4 30.Nxe7+ Kf8 31.Rxa4 Rxa4 32.Rxa4 Nxa4=
Endgame KN-KN. White is a pawn up. 33.Nc8 Nxb2 34.Kf3 Ke2! poses a challenge

[34.Nxd6? c3 35.Nb7 Nd3-+]
34...Nd1

[34...c3? 35.Ke2+-]
35.Ke2 Nc3+ 36.Ke3 Nd1+! 37.Kd2
 [37.Kd4 c3 38.Kd3 Nxf2+ 39.Kxc3 Nxe4+ 40.Kd4 Nxg3 41.Nxd6 Ke7+]
 [37.Ke2!? Nc3+□ 38.Ke3 Nd1+ 39.Ke2±]

37...Nxf2 38.Nxd6

(Diagram)



Ke7 39.e5

[39.Nxc4 Nxe4+ 40.Ke3 Nxc3]

39...f6! 40.Nxc4 fxe5 0.41/30

[40...Ne4+= 0.01/31 is superior.
41.Kc1 fxe5]

41.Ke3

[41.d6+!? Ke6 42.Nxe5 Ne4+
(42...Kxe5? is the wrong capture.
43.d7+-) 43.Ke3 Nxd6 (43...Kxe5?
44.d7+-) 44.Nxc6=]

**41...Ng4+ The position is equal. 42.Ke4
Kf6 43.Ne3 Nxe3 44.Kxe3 Threatens
to win with Ke4. K3P-K3P 44...Ke7
45.Kd3 Kd7 46.Ke3 Kc7 47.Kf3**

[47.Kd3!?]

47...Kd7! 48.Ke3! Kc7 49.Kf3

[49.Kd3!?]

49...Kd7!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06
(flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)

50.Ke3!

1/2-1/2

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■ **Komodo**

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[Kitty Kat]

E60

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**E60: King's Indian: Unusual lines and
Fianchetto Variation without Nc3**

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 g6 6.g3 Bg7 7.Bg2 d6 8.Nc3
0-0 9.Nf3 Nxa6 10.0-0 Bf5 11.a3N**

[11.Nd2 Nb4 12.Nc4 Bc2 13.Qd2
Bb3 14.Na3 Bxd5 15.Nxd5 Nfxd5
16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Qxd5 Rxa3
18.Bh6 Qa8 19.Qxa8 Raxa8
20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Rfc1 Rfb8 22.Rc2
Kf6 23.Kf1 Ke5 24.Ke1 Kd5
25.Rd1+ Kc6 1/2-1/2 (41) The Russian
Gruenfeld,N (2667)-Winter (2811)
SRB-chT 1st League 2010 (4)]

[11.Re1 Ne4 12.Nxe4 (12.Bd2 Nb4
13.Nh4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Nc2 15.Nxf5
Nxe1 16.Nh6+ Bxh6 17.Bxh6 Nxc2
18.Bxf8 Qxf8 19.Kxc2 Qg7 20.Qb3
Qe5 21.Qc4 f5 22.a4 Kf7 23.f3 g5
24.a5 h5 25.a6 g4 26.Ra2 e6
1-0 (34) Grillo Torres,G (2047)-3 e4
Nf6,6 (1630) CCOL11 fin-02 9298
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14.Kxc2 Qa5 15.e4 Nb4
Osnos,V (2774)-Warlick,J (2754)
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**11...Qc7 12.Nd2 c4 13.Nf3 Nc5
14.Nd4 Wards off Nb3 14...Qd7 15.f3
Inhibits Nfe4. 15...Qa7 16.Nc6 Qc7
17.e4! Bd7 18.Nxe7+ Kh8 19.Kh1
0.22/18**

[19.Qc2± 0.60/19]

19...Rfb8 0.98/19

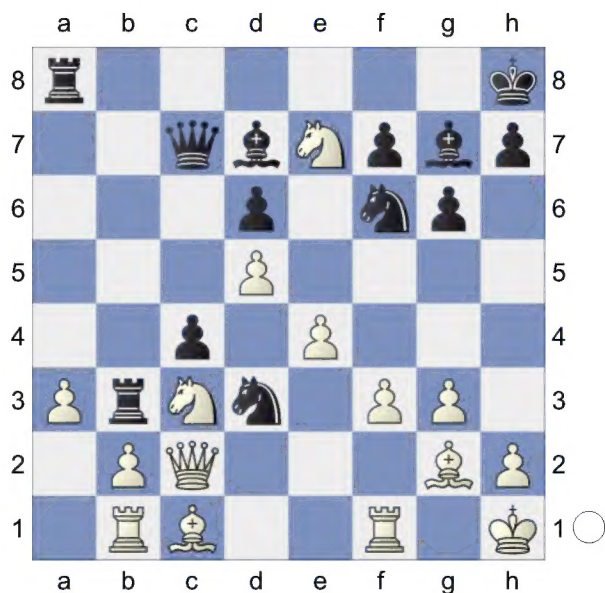
[19...Nd3= 0.22/18]

20.Qc2 0.29/18

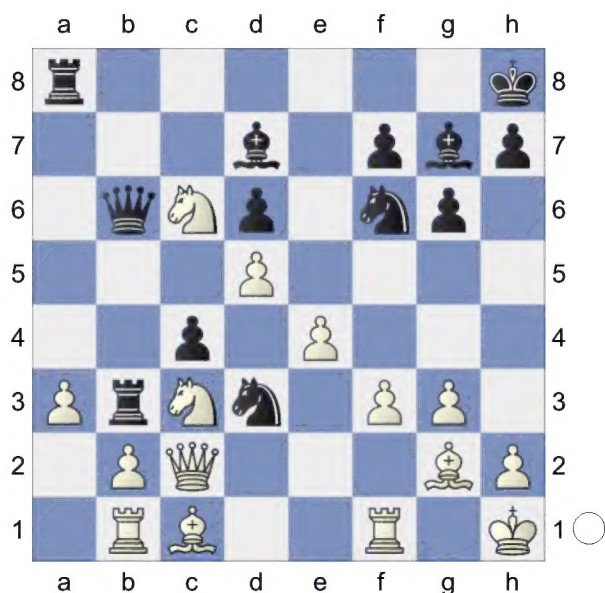
[20.Nc6!± 0.98/19]

20...Nd3= 21.Rb1 0.06/16

[21.a4± 0.50/18]
21...Rb3!



22.Nc6! Qb6



Prevents Nb5 23.Nb4! Kg8 24.Bg5
-0.06/18

[24.Nxd3 cxd3 25.Qd2 (25.Qxd3 Bb5+) 25...Kf8]

[24.Bd2± 0.34/19 might be stronger.]

24...Rc8

[24...Nxb4 simplifies 25.axb4 Qxb4 26.Rfc1 Be8]

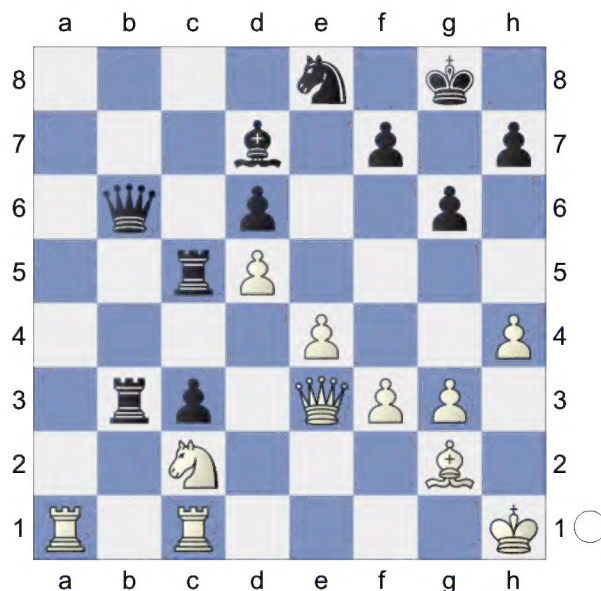
25.Qe2 Ne8 26.Be3! Qb7 The position is equal. **27.Qd2**

[27.Nxd3 cxd3 28.Qd1 (28.Qxd3? Bb5+ Skewer, Deflection) 28...Rxb2 29.Rxb2 Qxb2+]

27...Nxb2 28.Rfc1 Na4 29.Nxa4 Bxa4 30.Bd4 c3

[30...Rxa3? 31.Bxg7 Nxg7 32.Nc6+-]

31.Qf2 Rxa3 32.Nc2 Rb3 33.Ra1 Bxd4 34.Qxd4 Bd7 35.Qe3 Rc5 36.h4 Qb6

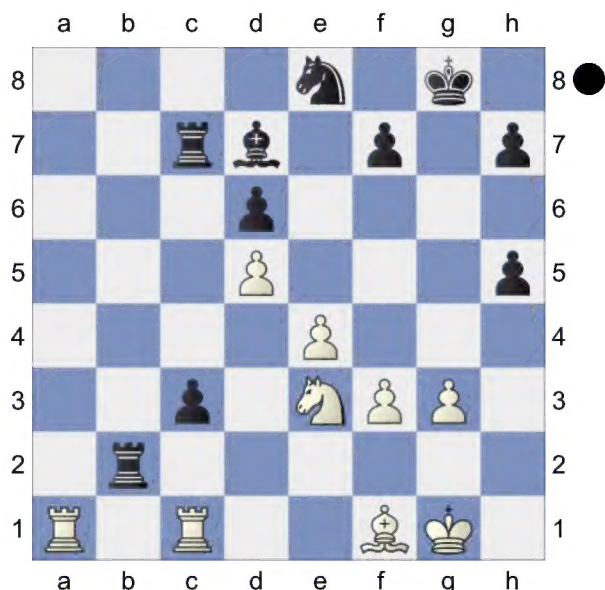


37.h5! Rc7!

[37...gxh5 38.Qg5+ Kf8 39.Qxh5±]

38.Qxb6 Rxb6 39.Bf1 gxh5 40.Ne3 Rb2 41.Kg1

(Diagram)



Repels Rf2 41...f5! 42.e5 dxe5 43.Nc4
Against Rd2 43...Rb4 44.Nxe5 Ba4
45.Nd3 Rd4 46.Nf4 Bd7 Prevents
Ne6. 47.Kf2 h4 Black puts up
resistance 48.Ke3 Rb4 49.Nd3 f4+
50.gxf4 Rb8 51.Ne5 Bf5 52.Ng4
Re7+ 53.Kd4 Bxg4 54.fxg4 Rb4+
55.Kc5

[55.Bc4? Rc7 (55...Nd6 56.Ra8+
Kf7 57.Kc5) 56.Rxc3 Nd6+]

55...Rxf4 56.Bb5! Rc7+

[But not 56...Rxc4?! 57.Ra8 Rge4
(57...Rc7+ 58.Kb6+-) 58.Rxc3±
(58.Rxe8+ Rxe8 59.Bxe8 Rxe8=)]

57.Bc6 next Ra8 is good for White.

57...Rc8

[57...Nf6 is more complex. 58.Ra8+
Kg7 59.d6 Rc4+]

58.Rxc3 Nf6 ...Ne4+ is the strong
threat. 59.Re3 Rxc4 60.Rf1 Ne4+
61.Kb6 Threatens to win with Bd7.

61...Nd2 62.Rh1 Nc4+ 63.Kb7 Nd6+
64.Kb6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06
(flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

64...Rg3

1/2-1/2

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Stockfish dev-20250118-8e3e22

LCZero 0.31-dag-c93c6a8-BT4-6

TCEC 27 Theory Bonus (41.2) 25.01.25
[Kitty Kat]

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5
bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6

5.bxa6 g6 0.84/22

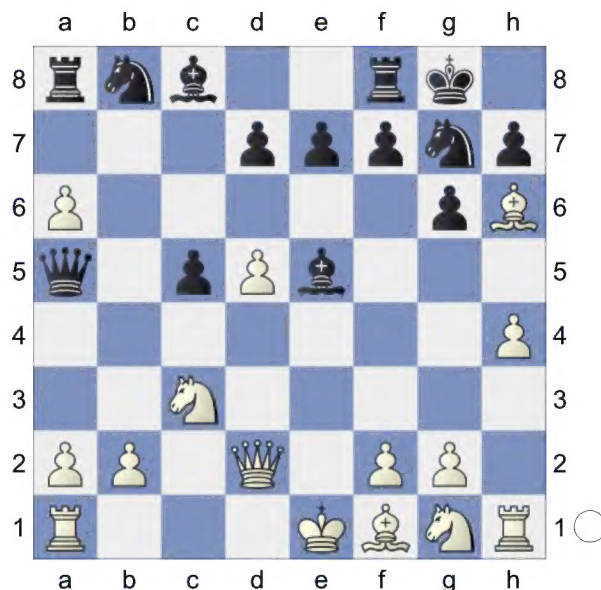
[5...e6!± 0.43/20]

6.Nc3± Bg7 7.e4 0-0 8.e5 0.41/17

[8.a7± 0.86/16 Rxa7 9.Nf3]

8...Ne8± 9.h4 Bxe5 10.Bh6 Qa5

11.Qd2 Ng7



12.h5! d6! 13.Nf3 Bf6

[13...Bxc3 14.bxc3 Nd7 15.hxg6
hxg6 16.Bxc3 Kxc3 17.Qh6+ Kf6
18.Kd2 Bxa6 19.Qg5+ Kg7
20.Nh4+- (20.Qh6+ Kf6+-)]

14.Ng5 Nxa6 15.Rc1 White is more
active. 15...Rb8 16.hxg6 fxg6

17.Bc4N

[17.Bd3 Nb4 18.Bb1 Bf5 19.a3
Bxb1 20.axb4 Rxb4 21.Nxb1 Nf5
22.Nc3 Rd4 23.Qc2 Nxh6 24.Ne6
Nf5 25.Nxf8 Kxf8 26.Rxh7 Qb4
27.Ra1 Kg8 28.Ra4 Qb7 29.Rh3

Rxa4 30.Qxa4 Qxb2 31.Ne4 Kg7
33. Benko Gambit Accepted: Ma-
Mainline 5.bxa6 with 8.e5 #18]

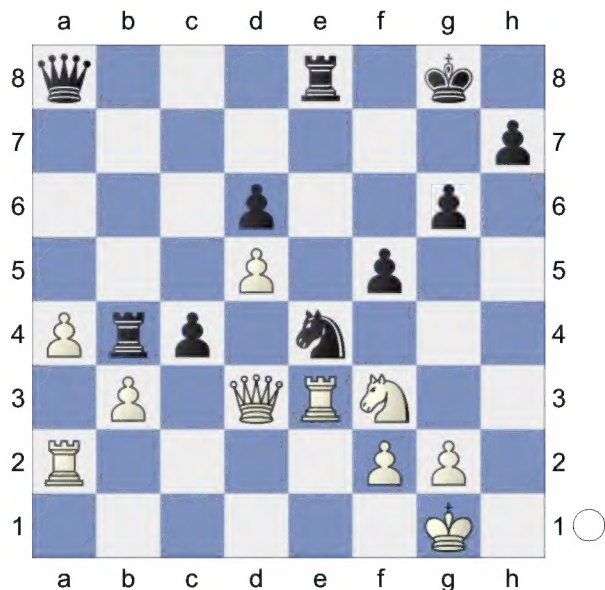
17...Nc7 18.b3 Ba6! 19.0-0 Nb5!
20.Bxb5! Bxb5 21.Rfe1 Bd7 22.Nf3!
Rfe8 23.Bg5! Qb4! 24.Bxf6 exf6
25.Qd3 Nh5 26.Ne4 Bb5 27.Qc2
Rbd8 28.Ra1 f5 29.a3 Qa5 30.Nc3
Excellent horsemanship. 30...Bd7
31.Reb1 Ra8 32.Qc1 Qa6 33.Rb2
0.08/19

[33.Qd2± 0.71/19]

33...Rab8= 34.Qd2 Nf6 35.a4 Ne4
The position is equal. 36.Qc2 Bb5
37.Nxb5

[37.axb5? loses. Qxa1+ 38.Nb1
Qa5+ (38...Rxb5? 39.g3+-)]

37...Rxb5 38.Re1 Rbb8 39.Re3 Qa8
40.Qd3 Rb4 41.Ra2 c4



Deflection 42.bxc4 Rxa4 43.Rae2 Rf8

[43...Ra1+ keeps more tension.
44.Kh2 Rc1 45.Qd4 Qa4]

44.g3 Qc8 45.Rc2 Qd7 46.Re1 Nc5
47.Qc3 f4 48.Nd4 Qg4 49.Re7
and Ne6 should not be overlooked
49...Qd1+ 50.Re1 Qg4 and ...fxg3
would now be decisive 51.Ne6 Nxe6
52.dxe6 fxg3 53.Qxg3 Qd4 54.Rc3

[54.e7!? Re8□ 55.Qb3 Qg4+
56.Kf1±]

54...Re8 55.Rd3 Qxc4 56.Rxd6 Ra5
57.e7 Kg7 58.Rd8 Qb4! 59.Re5±
White is fighting back 59...Ra3 60.Re3
Chess con chili. 60...Rxe3 61.Qxe3
Rxe7 62.Qd4+ Qxd4 63.Rxd4 h5
64.Kg2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.05
(flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)

64...h4

1/2-1/2

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A57

□ Stockfish dev-20241122-b7f173 3677

■ Caissa 3545

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[Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

Razuvaev,Y: '48/94 ' Razuvaev,Y: 'Inf 48/
94' 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nf3
b4 5.a3 Na6 0.73/23

[5...g6= 0.22/20 keeps the balance.]

6.Nbd2N

[6.g3 e6 (6...g6 7.Bg2 d6 8.0-0
Bg7 9.Ne1 0-0 10.Nd3 Nd7 11.Bf4
Rb8 12.Qc1 Re8 13.Rd1 Qc7 14.h3
h5 15.Kh2 Rb6 16.Rd2 Rb8 17.Ra2
b3 18.Ra1 Qa5 19.Rd1 Nb6 20.Nd2
Qa4 21.Re1 0-1 (99) 6.♔xd4 exd5 7.--
- 63398 (2597)-Ranki,M (2509) ESP
corr Spain 1990 (5)) 7.Bg2 Bb7
8.Nh4 exd5 9.cxd5 g6 10.0-0 Bg7
11.Nd2 0-0 12.Nc4 d6 13.Bf4 Ne8
14.Nf3 bxa3 15.Rxa3 Nb4 16.e4 a5
17.Re1 h6 18.h4 Ra6 19.Qd2 Kh7
20.Nh2 a4 1-0 (43) Razuvaev,Y
(2545)-Kotronias,V (2475) 48/94
Sochi 1989 21.Ng4 h5 22.Nge3 Nc7
23.Rea1 Qd7 24.Nd1 Nb5 25.Rxa4
Nd4 26.Rxa6 Bxa6 27.Rxa6 Nxa6

28.Bxd6 Re8 29.Nde3 Nb5 30.Bf4 Nb4 31.e5 Nd4 32.Nd6 Ra8 33.Kh2 Ra6 34.Ne4 Qa7 35.Ng5+ Kg8 1-0 (43) Grabarz,M (2545)-Wachs (2475) Paris m 1859]

[6.axb4 Nxb4 7.Nc3 d6 8.e4 g6 9.Be2 Bg7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bf4 Bg4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Nd7 14.Qd2 Re8 15.Ra3 Qb6 16.Bg4 Ne5 17.Be2 Reb8 18.h4 Rb7 19.h5 gxh5 20.Bxe5 Bxe5 1-0 (41) Strick,E (2625)-West,J (2675) South Open Wales 2009 (7)]

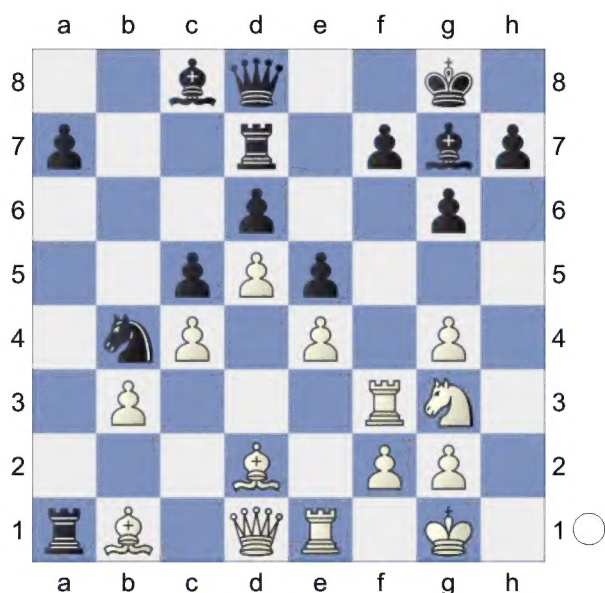
6...Qc7 7.e4 e5 8.Bd3 White is better.
8...g6 9.Nf1 Bg7 10.Ng3 d6 11.0-0 0-0 12.h3 Rb8 13.Re1 Rb6 14.Bd2 Qe7 15.Bc2 bxa3 16.Rxa3 Nb4 17.Bb1 Rd8 18.Nh2 Ra6 19.Rf3 0.52/23

[19.Qc1± 0.89/20]

19...Rd7 20.Ng4! Nxg4 21.hxg4 Ra1 22.b3

[22.Nf5!? gxf5 23.gxf5=]

22...Qd8



23.Nf5! gxf5 24.gxf5 f6! 25.Rg3 White has strong compensation. 25...Qf8 1.65/24

[25...Kh8± 0.58/22]

26.Qh5!+- Qf7 1.85/23

[26...Ra3± 1.09/22]

27.Qh4! Qf8 28.Bc3!

[28.Rh3?! Kf7±]

28...Ra3 29.Bb2!↑ White is really pushing.

[29.Rh3 Rxb3 30.Qxh7+ Kf7±]

29...Ra6 30.Rg4! Kf7 1.98/27

[30...Rb6± 1.30/23]

31.Re3

[31.Qxh7 Ke8±]

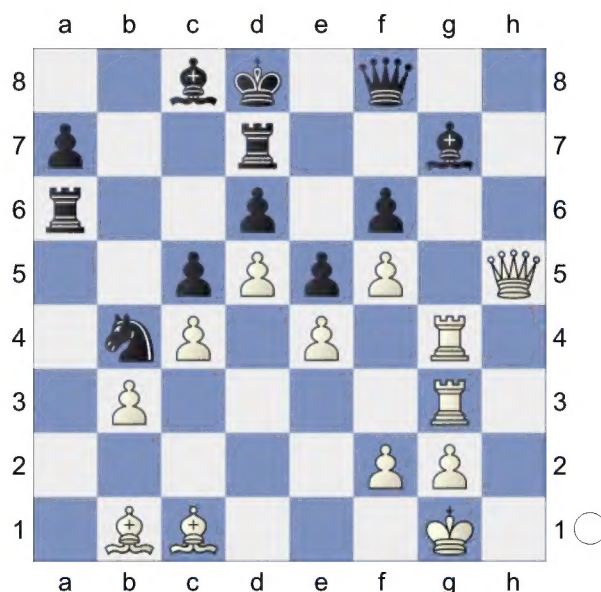
31...Ke8 32.Reg3 Kd8 2.65/29

[32...Rb6 1.64/25]

33.Qxh7 Bh6 34.Qg6 Rb6 2.67/26

[34...Rf7 1.76/24]

35.Qh5! Bg7 36.Bc1! Ra6



37.Bh6! Bxh6 38.Rg8 Repels Bg5. Pin 38...Kc7 39.Rxf8 Bxf8 40.Rg8 Be7 41.Qe2!

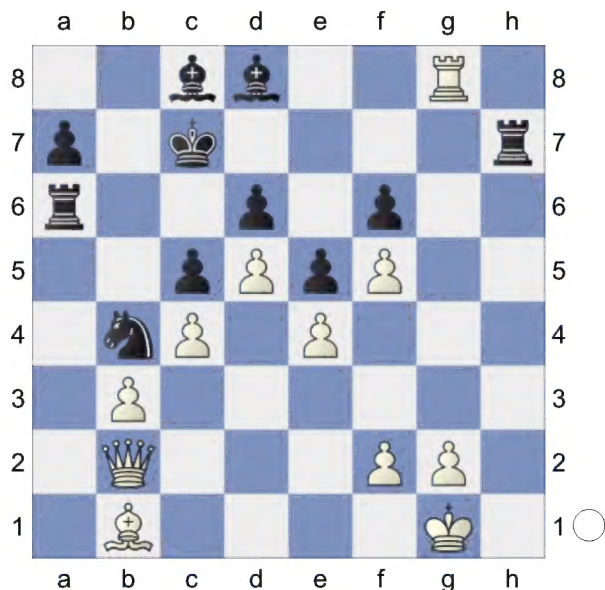
[41.Qe8 Bd8 42.Qh5 Ra3= (42...Ra1 43.Qd1±)]

41...Bd8 2.28/25

[41...Rb6± 1.11/24 might work better.]

42.Qb2 Rh7

(Diagram)



43.f4! Be7 44.g4 Bd7

[44...exf4? 45.g5 fxg5 46.f6+-]

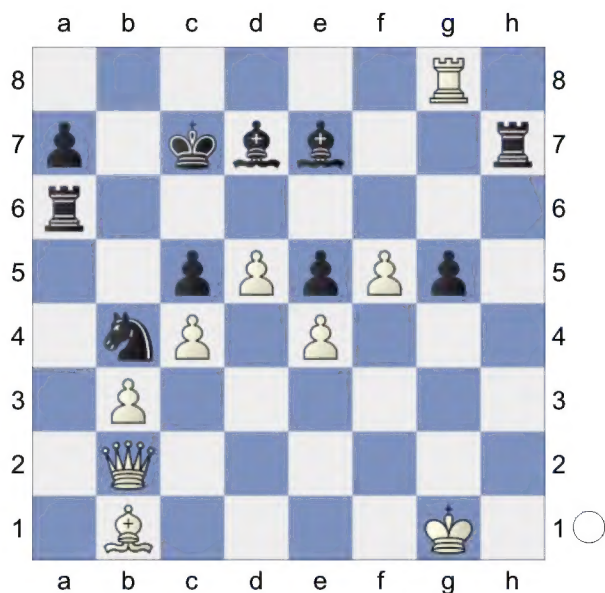
45.g5 1.29/22

[45.Kg2!+- 2.21/27]

45...fxg5± 46.fxe5

[46.fxg5 Rh4=]

46...dxe5



47.Rg7! Decoy 47...Rxc7 48.Qxe5+

Rd6 49.Qxc7 Bf6 50.Qg8 Na6

51.Qa8 Bd4+ 52.Kg2 Bc8 53.Bc2

[53.Qxa7+ Bb7±]

53...Rb6 54.Bd1

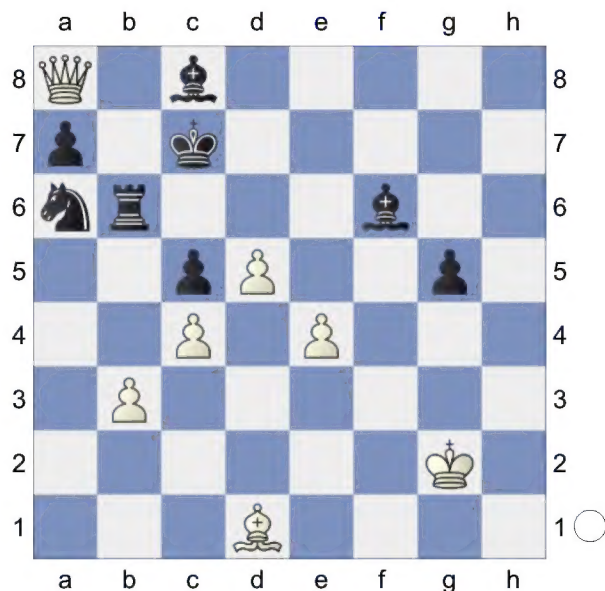
[54.Qxa7+?! Bb7=]

54...Be5 55.f6!

[55.Qxa7+ Bb7=]

This costs Black the game. 55...Bxf6 3.49/29

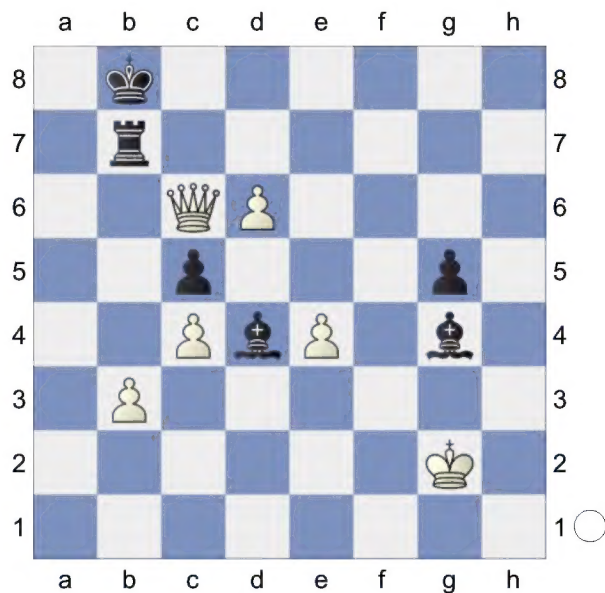
[55...Rxf6± 1.29/25 56.Qxa7+ Kd8]



56.Bg4!+- Bxc4 57.Qxa7+ Rb7

58.d6+ Kc8 59.Qxa6 Kb8 60.Qc6

Bd4



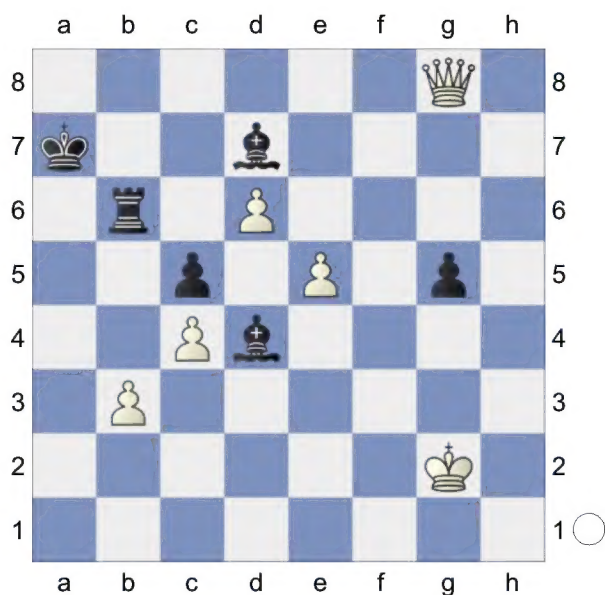
61.e5! Bd7 (-> ...Bxe5!)

[61...Ka7 62.Qd5]

62.Qd5 Rb6 63.Qg8+

[63.e6 Bc6 64.e7 Bxd5+-]

63...Ka7

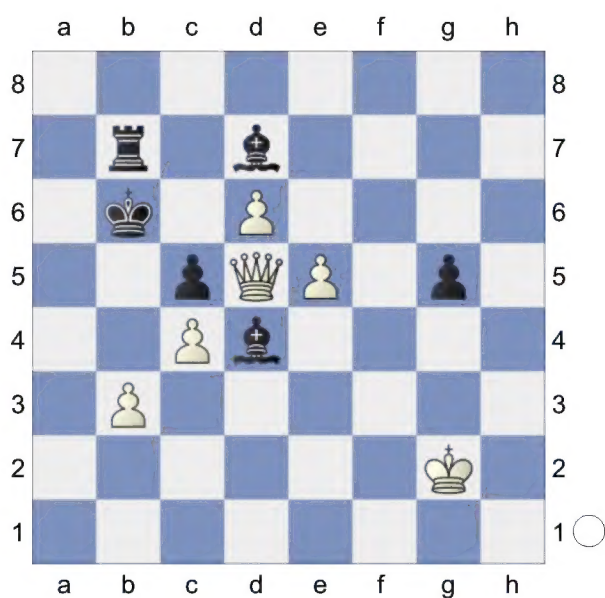


64.Qf7!

[64.Qxg5 Rb7= (64...Rxb3 65.e6±)]

64...Rb7 65.Qd5 Inhibits Bc6. Black must now prevent e6. **65...Kb6**

[65...Rxb3 66.e6 Ba4 (66...Rb2+? 67.Kh3+-) 67.d7+- (67.Qxg5 Bc6+ 68.Kh2 Rb1±)]



Hoping for ...Bc6. **66.e6!** Discovered Attack **66...Bc6 67.e7! Bd7?** 5.98/21

[Of course not 67...Bxd5+ 68.cxd5 Rb8 69.d7+-]

[67...Bf6 3.46/23 68.Qxc6+ Remove Defender, Promotion Kxc6 69.e8Q+ (69.e8R Kxd6 70.Re3 Be5+-) 69...Kxd6]

68.Qg8 White is clearly winning.

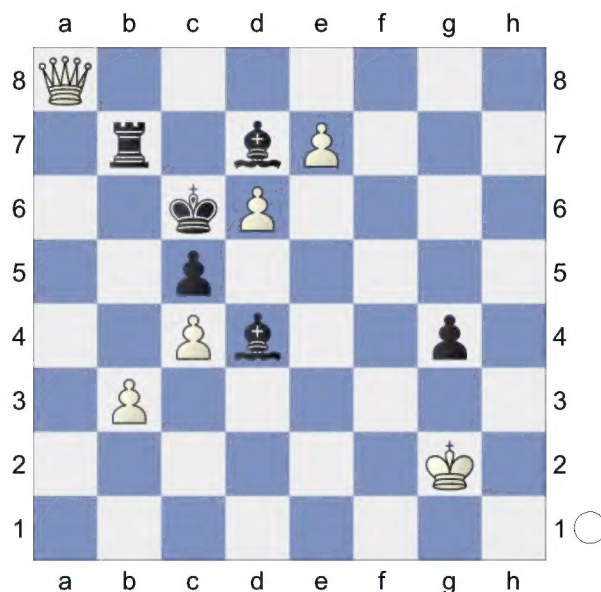
68...Kc6 69.Qa8

[69.e8B Bxe8 70.Qxe8+ Kxd6±]

[69.e8N Rxb3 70.Nc7 (70.Qd5+ Kb6=) 70...Kxd6=]

[69.e8R Bxe8 70.Qxe8+ Kxd6±]

69...g4



70.b4! Promotion 70...cxb4 71.e8Q Bxe8 72.Qxe8+ Kxd6 Endgame KQ-KRB 73.Qe4! Kc7 74.Qxd4 KQ-KR 74...b3 75.Qb2 Kc6 76.Kg3 Kc5 77.Qe5+ Kc6 78.Qf6+ Kc7 79.Qb2 Kd6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.18 (very precise)

80.Kxg4

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A57

□ Stockfish Dev F7

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■ LCZero 0.31-dag-5350a2e-BT4-6

TCEC 26 Balanced Lines (41.2) 03.08.24
[Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.e3 e6 6.dxe6 fxe6 7.Nf3 d5 8.Nc3
c4 9.Be2 *White is slightly better.*
9...axb5 10.Nxb5 Na6 11.0-0 Nc5
12.Nbd4

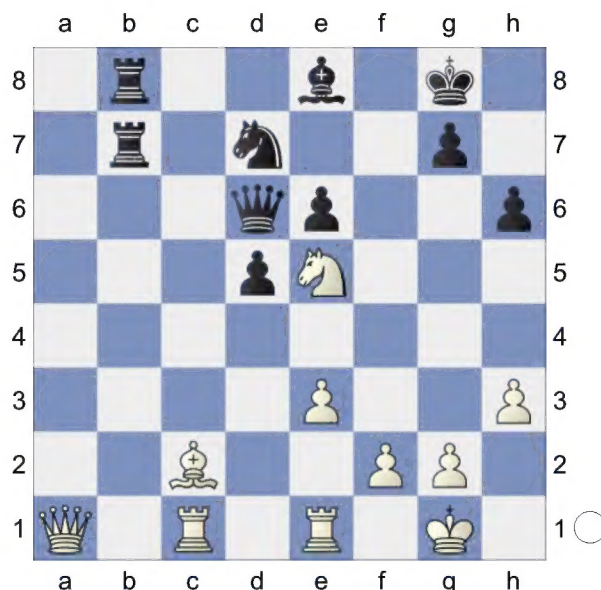
[12.Bd2 Bd7 13.Nc3 Bd6 14.Rb1
51) Benko: 4...a6 5.e3-4...a6 5.e3 Bb7
#3 Lifetime Repertoires: Swiercz's 1.
d4 - 2023]

12...Bd6 13.b3N cxb3

[13...e5 14.Nb5±]

14.Nxb3 Na4 15.Nbd4! 0-0 16.Nb5
Prevents Nc3. 16...Ne4 17.Qc2
Against Nac3 17...Be7 18.Nd2 Nd6
19.Ba3 Nc3! *Deflection* 20.Nxc3 Rxa3
21.Nb3 Bf6 22.Bd3 h6 23.Rac1 Bxc3
24.Qxc3 Rxa2 25.Bb1 Ra7 26.Nd4
Bd7 27.h3 Qe7 28.Nf3 Bb5 29.Rfe1
Qf6 30.Qb4 Rd8 31.Nh2 Be8 32.Ng4
Qe7 33.Qc3 Rb7 34.Qc2 Ne4 35.Qa2
Nf6 36.Ne5 Rdb8 37.Qa1 Qd6
38.Bc2 Nd7

(Diagram)



39.Nc6 Rc8

[39...Qxc6? 40.Bh7+ Kxh7
41.Rxc6+-]

40.Nd4 Rbb8 41.Bb1 Nf8 42.Bd3
Bd7 43.Rxc8 Rxc8 44.Rd1 Qc7
45.Be2 Qc3 46.Qb1 Qc7 47.Qa2 Nh7
48.Bd3 Nf8 49.Rb1 Rb8 50.Ra1 Rb4
51.Qa8 Rb8 52.Qa3 Rc8 53.Qb3 Qc3
54.Qd1 Qc7 55.Bf1 Rb8 56.Rc1 Qd6
57.Ra1 -0.01/23

[57.Nf3± 0.49/23]

57...Qc7!= 58.Ra2 Qb7 59.Qc1 Qb1
60.Qa3 Rb4 61.Ra1 Qb2 62.Qa5 Rb8
63.Qa7 Rc8 64.Qa6 Kh7 65.Qd3+
Kg8 66.Rb1 Qa2 67.Qd1 Qa7 68.Qb3
Be8 69.Bd3 Qc7 70.Qa2 Rb8 71.Ra1
Qc3 72.Be2 Bf7 73.Qa7 Rb7
Deflection 74.Qa8! Qb2 75.Bd3 Rb8
76.Qa7 Rb7 77.Qa5 Qb6 78.Qa8 Rb8
79.Qa7 Rb7 80.Qa8 Rb8! 81.Qa4
Qc7 82.Qa3 Rc8 83.Be2 *White has
more active pieces.* 83...Bg6 84.Bg4
Bf7 85.Qa7 h5 86.Be2 Qd7 87.Qa6
Qc7 88.Nf3 Qc3 89.Ng5 Bg6 90.Rd1

[90.Nxe6? Rc6 91.Qa5 Nxe6±]

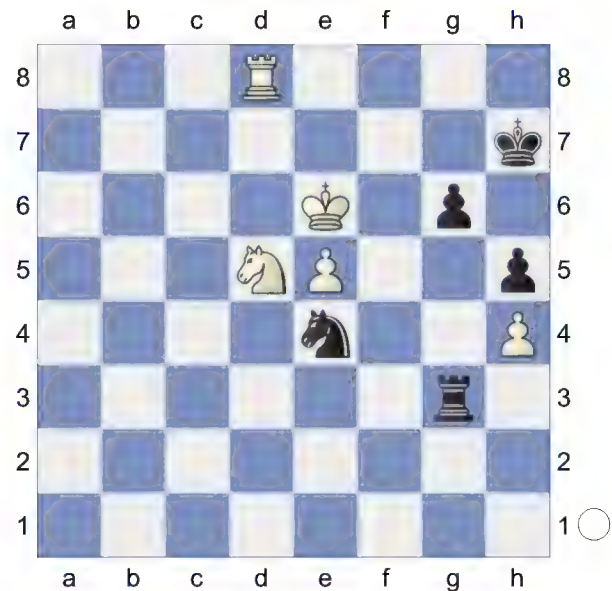
90...Rc5 91.Qd6

[91.Nxe6 Rc6 92.Qa8 Rxe6±]

91...Rc6 92.Qb8 Rc8 93.Qd6 -0.01/19

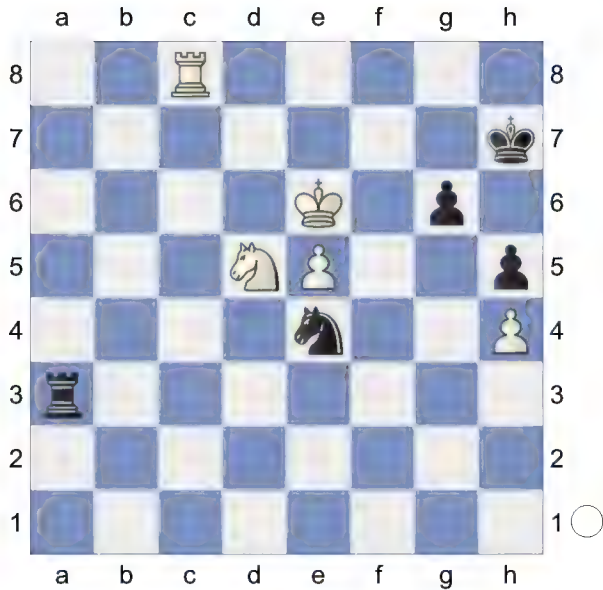
[93.Qg3± 0.95/20]
93...Rc6! 94.Qb8 -0.01/18
 [94.Qg3!± 0.74/21]
94...Rc8! 95.Qg3 Qf6 96.h4 Nh7
97.Nf3 Be8 98.Qd6 0.64/19
 [98.Nd4± 1.05/20]
98...Bg6± Prevents Rb1. 99.Qg3 -0.01/18
 [99.Nd4± 0.72/19]
99...Be8!= 100.Bd3 Nf8! 101.Ng5 Ra8
102.Kh2 0.69/19
 [102.Qd6± 1.07/24]
102...Ra2 1.61/23
 [102...Bg6± 0.69/19]
103.Rc1+- Qxf2 104.Rc8 Qxg3+
105.Kxg3 Ra3 106.Bc2! Ra2
 [106...Rxe3+? 107.Kf2 Ra3
 108.Rxe8+-]
107.Rxe8 Rxc2 Endgame KRN-KRN.
Black is a pawn up. 108.Ra8!
 [108.Nxe6?! Kf7 109.Rxf8+ Kxe6=]
108...Rc6 109.Kf4 White has strong
compensation. 109...g6 110.Ke5 Kg7
111.Ra7+ Kg8 112.Kf6 e5+ 113.Kxe5
Rc2 114.Ra8 Kg7 115.Ra7+ -0.01/24
 [115.Kxd5?! Rxc2 116.Ra7+ Kg8=]
 [115.g3± 1.03/27]
115...Kg8!= 116.Ra8 -0.01/25
 [White should try 116.g3!± 0.96/26]
116...Kg7! Black is on the road to losing.
117.g3!
 [117.Kxd5?! Rxc2 118.Ra7+ Kg8±]
117...Re2 118.Ra7+
 [118.Kxd5?! Rxe3 119.Ra7+ Kg8=]
118...Kg8 119.Ra3
 [119.Kxd5 Rxe3 120.Ne4 Rf3=]
119...Kg7? 2.53/25
 [119...Rg2± 0.93/25]
120.Kxd5+-
 [120.Ra7+ Kg8=]
120...Rd2+ 121.Kc6! Rc2+ 122.Kd6
Rd2+ 123.Ke7 Rd7+ 124.Ke8 Rb7
125.e4 Nd7 126.Ke7! Ne5+ 127.Ke6

Ng4 128.Rd3 Rb6+ 3.23/24
 [128...Rb8 2.24/23 129.Rd7+ Kf8]
129.Ke7!
 [129.Rd6 Rb3±]
129...Rb7+ 130.Rd7! Rb3 131.Kd6+
Kg8 132.Rd8+ Kg7 133.Ne6+! Kh7?
3.23/22
 [133...Kf6!= 0.00/5 and Black is okay.
 134.Rf8#]
134.Rd7+! Kh8 135.Nf4 Inhibits Rd3+.
135...Nf6 136.Rd8+!
 [136.Nxg6+ Kg8 137.Ne7+ Kf8
 138.Ng6+ Kg8=]
136...Kh7 137.e5 Ne4+ 138.Ke6 Ra3
3.90/24
 [138...Nxg3 2.68/24 might work
 better. 139.Rd7+ Kh6]
139.Nd5 Rxg3



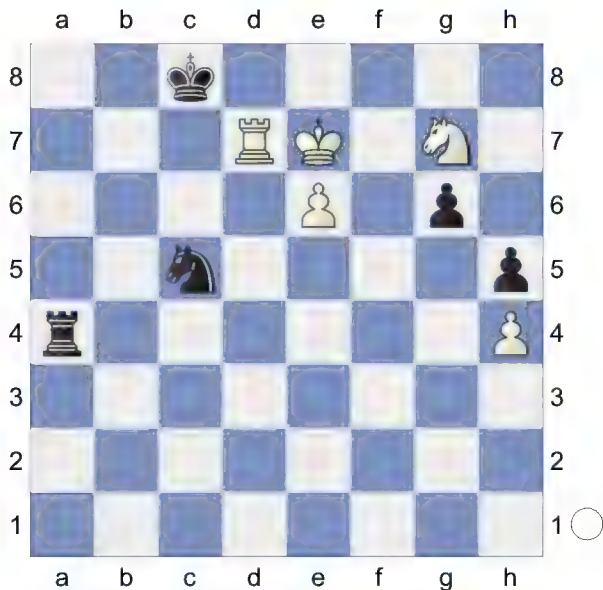
140.Rc8! aiming for Rc4. 140...Ra3

(Diagram)



141.Rc7+! Kh6 **142.Ne7** Kg7
 Dodges Ng8+ **143.Nf5+** Discovered
 Attack (Double Check) **143...Kg8**
144.Rg7+ Kf8 **145.Rf7+**

[Inferior is 145.Rxg6 Ra5=]
145...Ke8 **146.Ng7+** Kd8 **147.Rd7+**
 Kc8 Strongly threatening ...Nc5+.
148.Ke7 Ra4 **149.e6** Nc5



150.Kd6! Nxe6 **151.Nxe6** KRN-KR
151...Rb4 **152.Rd8+** Kb7 **153.Nc5+**
 Ka7 **154.Kc7** White threatens Rd6 and
 mate. **154...Rc4** **155.Kc6** Rc1
156.Rg8 Rg1 **157.Rg7+** 8.26/5

[Δ157.Rf8 #15/29 Rc1 158.Rf6 Rc4
 159.Rxg6 (159.Rf7+ Ka8+-)
 159...Rc2 160.Rg5 Rd2 161.Rxh5
 Rh2 162.Rh7+ Ka8 163.Rd7]

157...Ka8 **158.Rb7** Rc1 **159.Rb5** Ra1
160.Kc7 Ka7 **161.Nb3** Ra3 **162.Nd4**
 Rc3+ **163.Nc6+** Rxc6+? #8/18

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06
 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

164.Kxc6

1-0

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■ Stockfish dev-20250118-8e3e22

TCEC 27 Theory Bonus (41.1) 24.01.25
 [Kitty Kat]

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5
 bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 **2.c4** c5 **3.d5** b5 **4.cxb5** a6
5.bxa6 g6 **6.Nc3** Bg7 **7.e4** 0-0! **8.e5**
 White is better. **8...Ne8** **9.h4** Bxe5
10.Bh6 Qa5 **11.Qd2** Ng7



12.h5! d6! **13.Nf3** Bf6

[13...Bxc3?! 14.bxc3 g5 15.Nxg5+-
 (15.Qxg5? Qxc3+ 16.Kd1 Qxa1+-+;

15.Bxg5 f6+-)]

14.Ng5↑ White has some pressure.

14...Nxa6 0.83/18

[14...Nd7= 0.30/22]

15.Rc1± White is more active. 15...Rb8

16.a3N 0.25/18 Prevents Rb4.

[16.b3± 0.85/17]

[16.Bd3 Nb4 17.Bb1 Bf5 18.Nxh7 Kxh7 19.hxg6+ fxg6 20.Bxf5 Nxf5 21.Bxf8+ Kg8 22.a3 Rxf8 23.axb4 Qxb4 33. Benko Gambit Accepted: Ma-Mainline 5.bxa6 with 8.e5 #15]

[16.hxg6 fxg6 17.Bd3 Nb4 18.Bb1 Bf5 19.a3 Bxb1 20.axb4 Rxb4 21.Nxb1 Nf5 22.Nc3 Rd4 23.Qc2 Nxh6 24.Ne6 Nf5 25.Nxf8 Kxf8 26.Rxh7 Qb4 27.Ra1 Kg8 28.Ra4 Qb7 29.Rh3 Rxa4 30.Qxa4 Qxb2 (31) 33. Benko Gambit Accepted: Ma-Mainline 5.bxa6 with 8.e5 #18]

16...Qb6 0.65/19

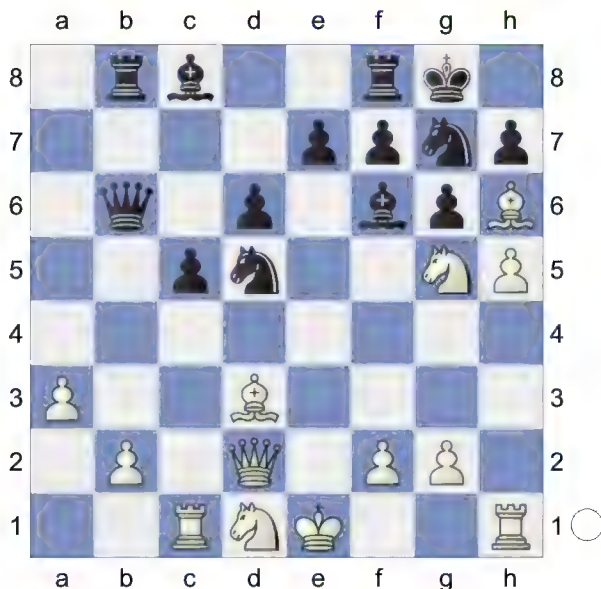
[16...Nc7= 0.25/18 is superior.]

17.Nd1 0.11/18

[17.hxg6± 0.65/19 hxg6 18.Rb1]

17...Nc7!= 18.Bd3 Nxd5 1.05/21

[18...Qb3= 0.15/18 remains equal.]



19.hxg6!± hxg6 20.Be4 -0.01/18

[20.Bxg6± 1.33/23 fxg6 (20...Bxb2? 21.Rb1+-) 21.Qxd5+ e6 22.Qe4 Qa5+ (22...Bxb2? 23.Bxg7 Qa5+ 24.Bc3+-) 23.Rc3 Bxc3+ 24.bxc3]

20...Nc7=

[20...Bxb2? 21.Rb1 (21.Bxd5 Bxc1 22.Qxc1 Qa5+ 23.Nc3 Bf5+-) 21...c4 22.Bxg6 (22.Nxb2 c3+-; 22.Qxb2 Qxb2 23.Rxb2 Rxb2+-; 22.Bxd5 c3+-; 22.Qxd5 Bb7+-) 22...fxg6 23.Rxb2+-]



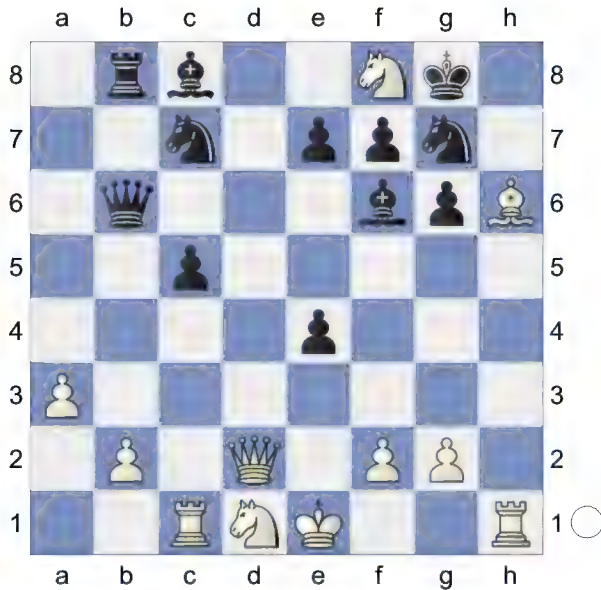
21.Nh7!



Decoy 21...d5! 22.Nxf8

[22.Nxf6+ Qxf6]

22...dxe4



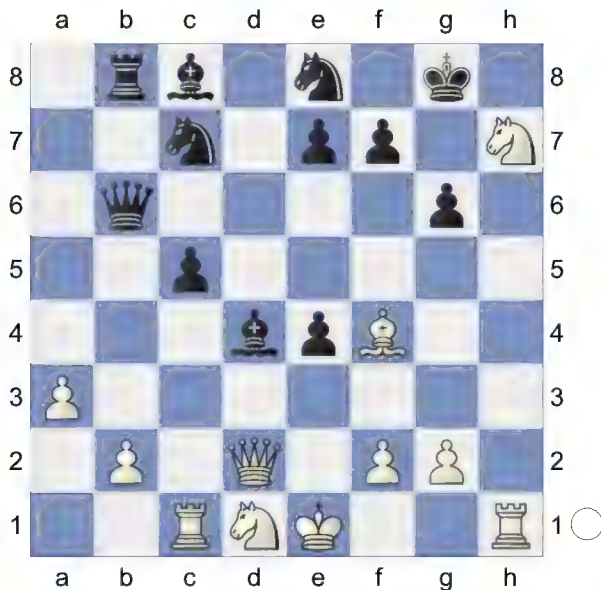
23.Bf4! **Bxc7** is the strong threat.

23...Nge8

[23...Kxf8 24.Rh8#]

[23...e5 24.Be3]

24.Nh7 Bd4



25.b4! 0.03/19 Ba6 This pair of bishops is nice. The position is equal. **26.Ng5**
The board is on fire. **26...cxb4**

(Diagram)



27.Rxc7! Deflection 27...Nxc7 28.Bxc7 Qxc7

[28...e3? 29.fxe3 Bc3 (29...Qxc7? 30.Qxd4 Qg3+ 31.Nf2+-) 30.Bxb6+- (30.Qxc3 bxc3 31.Bxb6 c2+)]

29.Qxd4 e5 30.Qb2

[30.Qxe4? bxa3+-]

30...bxa3 31.Qxa3 Qc4 32.Qe3 Rd8
aiming for ...Qb4+. 33.Nxe4

[Don't play 33.Qxe4 Qa2+ (33...Qc1? 34.Rh8+ Skewer, Decoy Kxh8 35.Nxf7+ Kh7 36.Qh4+ Kg8 37.Qxd8+-)]

(Diagram)



33...Rxd1+! 34.Kxd1 Qa4+ 35.Kd2
Qa2+ 36.Kc3 Qa3+! 37.Kc2 Qa2+
38.Kd1 Rh8+! would kill now. 38...Qb1+
39.Qc1 Qxe4 40.Qb2 Repels Qe2+
40...Bb7

[Weaker is 40...Qxg2 41.Qb8+]

41.f3 Qd3+ 42.Kc1 Qe3+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very
precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)

43.Qd2

1/2-1/2

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■ Obsidian **3555**

TCEC 27 Premier 2024 (35.2) 07.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

**A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5
bxa6**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 Qa5

[6...d6 7.Nf3 Qa5 8.Nd2 (8.Bd2
Nbd7 9.a4 g6 10.Nb5 Qb6 11.Bc3
Bg7 12.e3 0-0 13.Bc4 Qb7 14.Qd3
Nb6 15.b3 Nbx d5 16.Bb2 Nb4
17.Qd1 d5 18.Be2 Rad8 19.0-0

Ne4 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Rc1 Rc8
22.Nd2 Rfd8 1/2-1/2 (49) Sabuk,P
(2380)-Maliutin,O (2214) Malakhatko
Memorial op blitz 2023 (5) 8...Nbd7
9.g3 g6 10.e4 Bxf1 11.Kxf1 Bg7
12.Nc4 Qb4 13.Qe2 Nb6 14.Nxb6
Qxb6 15.Kg2 0-0 16.Rb1 Rfb8
17.Bd2 Ne8 18.b3 Nc7 19.a4 Rb7
20.Rhc1 Rab8 21.Qd3 1/2-1/2 (42)
Fasctng Kg (2500)-Comabella,L
(2500) 8.e4 Bd6 1993 (5)]

7.Bd2! g6N

[7...Qb6 8.Qb3 Qxb3 9.axb3 Bb7
10.Rxa8 Bxa8 11.e4 e6 12.Bf4 d6
13.Bb5+ Kd8 14.Nf3 exd5 15.Ng5
Rg8 16.Nxf7+ Kc7 17.Be2 Nxe4
18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Bc4
Chapter-Benko Gambit B3) 5...g6]

8.e4 Bxf1 9.Kxf1 White is better. 9...d6
10.g3! Bg7 11.a4 Na6 12.Nf3 Nc7
Dodges Nb5 13.Kg2 0-0



14.Nb5! Qb6 15.Nxc7 Qxc7 16.Re1
Rfb8 17.Qc2 Qb6 18.Bc3 Nd7
19.Reb1 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Qa5 21.Rxb8+
Rxb8 22.h3 0.81/21

[Δ22.Ra3 1.20/20]

22...Ra8 1.24/19

[Δ22...Rb7 0.81/21]

23.Ra2 0.86/20

[Δ 23.Ra3 1.24/19]

23...Kg7± 24.Nd2 h6 1.25/19

[Δ 24...Ne5 0.87/17]

25.Nc4 Qa6 26.Ne3 Qb6 1.53/17

[Δ 26...Qa5 0.99/19]

27.Ra1 Qa5 1.76/20

[27...Qc7± 1.28/19 28.Ra3 h5]

28.g4↑ 1.27/19 Black is under strong pressure.

[White should try 28.Nc4+- 1.76/20 Qa6 29.Qa2]

28...Kh8 1.89/19

[28...Kh7± 1.27/19 29.h4 Qc7]

29.Nc4+- Qa6 30.Qa2 Rb8 31.a5 Kg8

32.Ne3 1.07/20

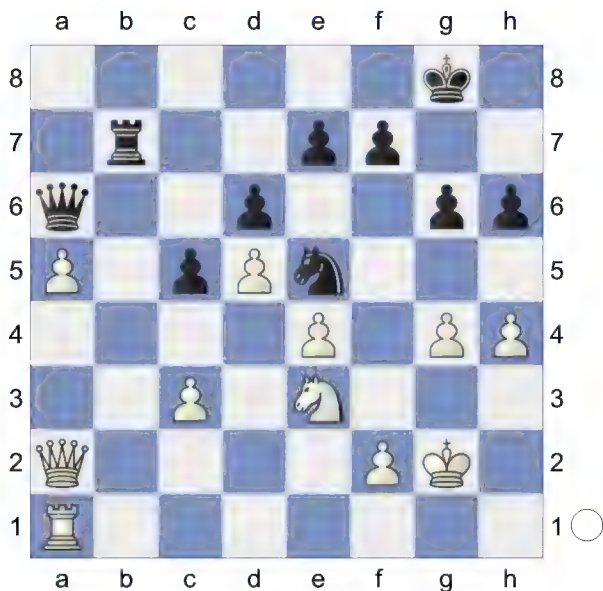
[32.h4+- 1.78/20]

32...Ne5± 33.h4 0.87/20

[33.c4+- 1.62/21]

33...Rb7? 2.41/20

[33...Kh7± 0.87/20]



34.c4!+- Qa8 2.20/20

[34...Rb4± 1.38/20 35.Qc2 Kh7]

35.Qd2 Qc8 36.Qd1 Ra7 37.f4 Nd7

38.g5 h5 39.Qe1 Qa8 40.Qc3 Nf8 2.16/22

[40...Rb7 1.79/19 was worth a try.

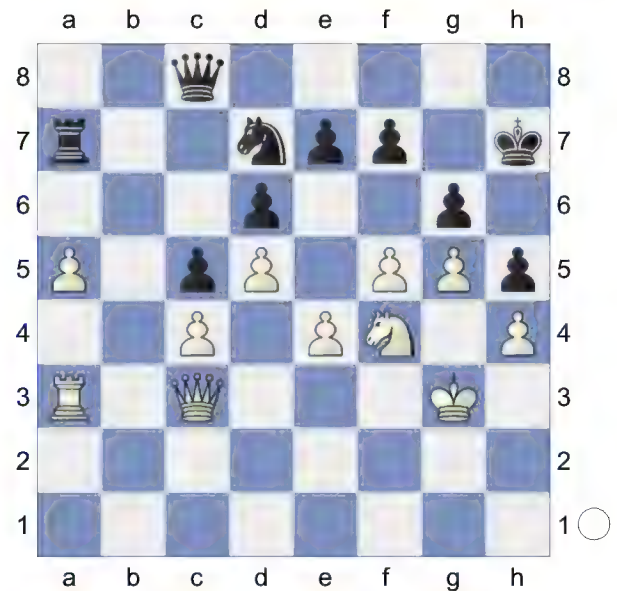
41.Nf1 Qb8]

41.Ra3 Qd8 42.Kf2 Nd7 43.Ng2 Rb7

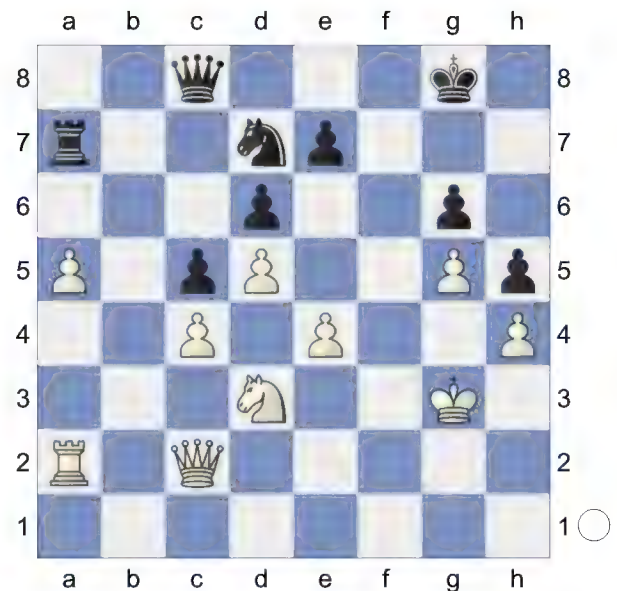
44.Ne1 Ra7 45.Nd3 Nf8 2.88/20

[Δ 45...Qc8 1.63/18 46.Kg2 Nf8]

46.f5 Qc8 47.Nf4 Kh7 48.Kg3 Nd7



49.Nd3 Prevents Ne5. 49...Kg8 50.Ra2 Qa6 51.Qc2 Qc8 52.fxg6 fxg6



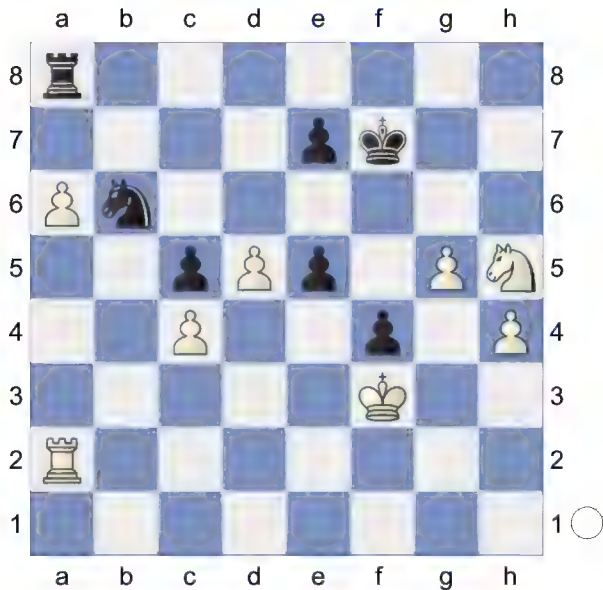
53.e5! dxe5 54.Kg2 Kf7 55.Qc3 Kg8? 4.35/20

[55...Qb8 2.65/19 56.Rf2+ Kg8]

56.Nf2

[Stronger than 56.Nxe5 Nxe5 57.Qxe5 Qg4+ 58.Kh1 Qxh4+

59.Rh2 Qxc4=]
 56...Qf8 57.Qf3 Qf5 58.Ne4 Ra6
 59.Qxf5 gxf5 Endgame KRN-KRN
 60.Ng3 f4 61.Nxh5 Kf7 62.Kf3 Ra8
 6.37/21
 [Δ62...Nb6 4.03/23 63.d6 exd6]
 63.a6 Nb6



64.d6! Deflection 64...exd6 65.Nf6
 Nxc4 66.Nd5 Wards off Ne3 66...Ne3
 67.Nc7

[67.Nxe3 fxe3 68.a7 (68.Kxe3
 d5+-) 68...c4+-]

67...Ra7 68.Nb5! Ra8 69.a7 Nd5
 70.Ra6 Nb4 71.Rb6

[71.Nxd6+ Ke6 72.Rb6 Nd5±]

71...Nc2 72.Rb8

[Weaker is 72.Rxd6 Nd4+ 73.Nxd4
 cxd4+-]

72...Rxa7 73.Nxa7 c4 74.h5

Black must now prevent Nb5. 74...Nd4+

75.Kg4 Ne6 76.Rb7+ Nc7 77.Kf5 Ke7

78.Rxc7+ Kd8 79.Rb7 Intending h6

and mate. 79...f3 80.Ke6 f2 81.Nb5

Kc8 82.Nxd6+ Kd8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very
 precise) /Black=0.30

83.Rd7#

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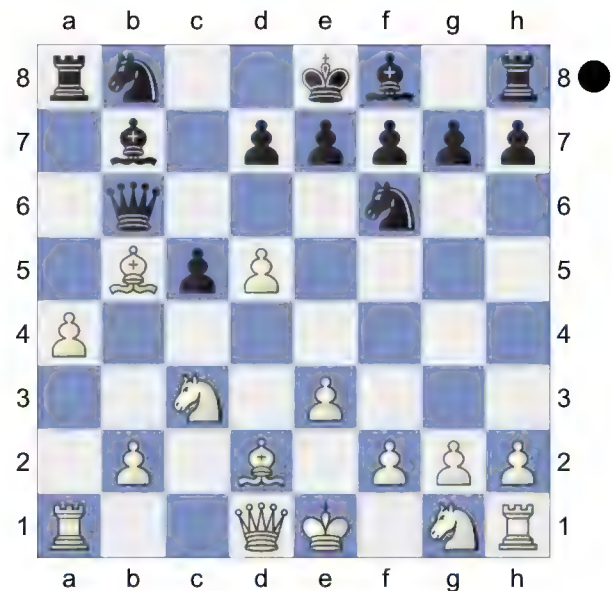
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TCEC 26 Balanced Lines (41.1) 03.08.24
 [Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
 5.e3 axb5 6.Bxb5 Qa5+ 7.Nc3 Bb7
 8.Bd2 Qb6 9.a4



Nxd5 10.Nf3 e6 11.e4 White is slightly
 better.

[11.Ne5 Qd8 12.0-0 Be7 13.e4 Nf6
 14.Qe2 0-0 15.Rad1 d5 16.exd5
 exd5 17.Bg5 d4 18.Rfe1 Nd5
 19.Bxe7 Nxe7 20.Ne4 Qd5 21.Nf3
 Ng6 22.Bc4 Qc6 23.Neg5 Ba6
 24.Nxf7 Rxf7 25.Ng5 Raa7
 1-0 (29) Dreev,A (2606)-Bologan,V
 (2586) World Blitz 2023 (5.13)]

11...Nxc3N

[11...Nb4 12.0-0 Be7 13.Qe2 N8c6
 14.Rfd1 Nd4 15.Nxd4 cxd4 16.Na2
 Nc6 17.Nc1 0-0 18.Nd3 f5 19.exf5
 Rxf5 20.Bf4 Raf8 21.Bg3 Nb4
 22.Nxb4 Bxb4 23.Bd3 R5f7 24.a5
 Qc6 25.f3 Ra8 26.a6 1-0 (30)
 Lungmuss,M (2269)-Ozmen,H (2311)

(ol) 50/217 Novi Sad 1990 (3) Bc8
27.Rdc1 Qd5 28.Be4 d3 29.Bxd5
dxe2 30.Bxa8 1-0 Estrin,B (1205)-
Trunz,D (1086) GER-ch U08 Willingen
2023 (5)]

**12.Bxc3 Bxe4 13.0-0 Qb7! 14.Ng5
Bf5! 15.f4** White has more active pieces.
The black rooks are passive.

[15.Re1!?]

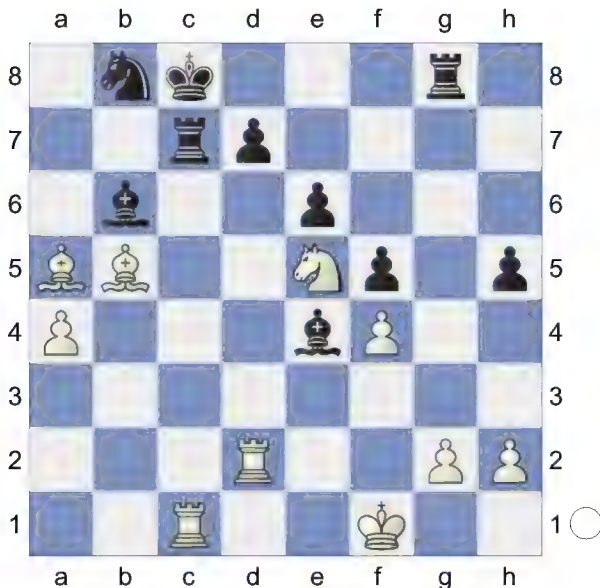
**15...Be7 16.Bxg7 Rg8 17.Bc3 f6
18.Nf3 Qd5 19.Qe2 Qe4! 20.Qd2
0.13/17**

[20.Rae1± 0.59/20 Qxe2 21.Rxe2]

**20...Qc2!= 21.Qxc2 Bxc2 22.Rf2 Be4
23.Re1 f5 24.Ne5 Kd8 25.Rd2! Ra7
0.62/24**

[25...d5= 0.24/20 feels stronger.]

**26.Kf1± Kc8 27.Rc1! h5 28.b4 Rc7
29.bxc5 Bxc5 30.Ba5 Bb6**



Discovered Attack 31.Rxc7+

[31.Bxb6 Rxc1+ 32.Ke2 Rxc7+
(32...Bxg2? 33.Ke3+-) 33.Ke3 Re1+
34.Re2 Rxe2+ 35.Bxe2 Rxh2+-]

31...Bxc7 32.Bc3 h4 33.Nxd7

[33.Bxd7+ Nxd7 34.Nxd7 Bxf4±]

33...Bxf4 The position is equal. **34.Rf2**

[Avoid the trap 34.Nb6+? Kc7
35.Nc4 Bxd2 (35...Bxh2 36.Ba5+

Kb7 37.Bb4=) 36.Bxd2 Bxg2+
(36...Rxc7 37.Ba5+ Kb7 38.Nd6+
Ka8 39.Nxe4±) 37.Kf2 Nc6 38.Bf4+
Kb7+-]

34...Nxd7

[34...Bxh2 35.Nf6 Rd8 36.Nxe4
fxe4 37.Rf6+-]

**35.Rxf4 Bxg2+ 36.Kf2 Be4 37.Rxh4
Rg2+! 38.Ke3 Rc2! 39.Kd4 Rc1**

40.Rh8+ Kc7 Strongly threatening ...
e5+. **41.Ba5+** A strong pair of Bishops.

41...Kb7 42.Rh7

[42.Bxd7!? Rd1+□ 43.Ke5 Rxd7
44.Kxe6±]

42...Bc6 43.Bd2 e5+ 44.Kd3 Rh1

45.Kc4 Threatens to win with a5.

[Don't take 45.Rxd7+?! Bxd7
46.Bxd7 f4±]

45...Rd1 46.Bc3 Bxb5+ 47.Kxb5 f4

48.h4 e4 49.Rf7 e3 50.Rxf4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06
(flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

50...Rb1+

1/2-1/2

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TCEC 21 Premier 2021 (39.4) 04.07.2021

[Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6

5.bxa6 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.e4 Bg7

8.Bb5+ Nbd7N

[8...Bd7 9.Be2 (9.Qe2 0-0 10.a4

Qa5 11.Ra3 Nxa6 12.h3 Nb4

13.Nf3 Rfb8 14.0-0 Qd8 15.Be3

Ne8 16.Rd1 Nc7 17.Bc4 Qe8 18.a5

Nb5 19.Nxb5 Bxb5 20.e5 Bxc4

21.Qxc4 Qb5 22.Qe4 Rxa5 23.Bg5

Bf8 1-0 (46) Monteleone,A (2140)-

Alexieva,S (2335) Campobasso op 5th 1998 (5)) 9...0-0 10.Nf3 Nxa6 11.0-0 Qb8 12.Nd2 Nc7 13.a4 A 58/04 2000]

[8...Nfd7 9.Nf3 (9.a4 0-0 10.Nf3 Bxa6 11.Bg5 f5 12.0-0 h6 13.Bd2 Ne5 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.exf5 gxf5 16.Qh5 Qd6 17.g4 A 58/04 2000; 9.Nge2 0-0 10.0-0 Bxa6 11.Bxa6 Nxa6 12.Bg5 h6 13.Be3 Ne5 14.Bf4 Qa5 15.Bxe5 Bxe5 16.Qd2 Rfb8 17.f4 Bg7 18.e5 Qb4 19.Rab1 Nc7 20.a3 Qc4 21.f5 dxe5 22.fxg6 fxg6 23.Qc2 e4 $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ (35) Fernandez

Prieto,G-Krauss,H 45/319 Berlin 1988) 9...Bxa6 10.Bxa6 Rxa6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bf4 Qa5 13.Re1 Rb6 14.Rb1 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Qxa2 16.Ra1 Qc4 17.Ra7 Ra6 18.Rxa6 Nxa6 19.Bh6 Ra8 20.Nd2 Qxc3 21.Qa4 Nb6 22.Qc6 $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ Hauernherm,S (1956)-Jaekel,M (1861) Wolfsburg op-B 2024 (3)]

9.a4 Bxa6 10.Bxa6 Rxa6 11.Nf3 0-0 12.0-0 Qa8 13.Ra3 Rb6 14.h3 Rb4 White is better. 15.Qc2 Rfb8 16.Nd2! Nh5 1.46/20

[Δ 16...Nb6 0.95/22 17.a5 Nbd7]

17.b3!± f5 18.Na2

[18.exf5 Bxc3 19.Qxc3 Nf4=]

18...Rd4 19.Bb2

[19.exf5?! Qxd5 20.fxg6 Nf4 21.gxh7+ Kh8=]

19...Nf4 20.a5 Rd3 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.f3 fxe4 1.80/21

[22...Ne2+± 1.08/20 23.Kh2 Ne5]

23.fxe4+- Ne2+ 24.Kh2! Ne5 25.Nc1! Nd4 26.Qd1 0.77/19

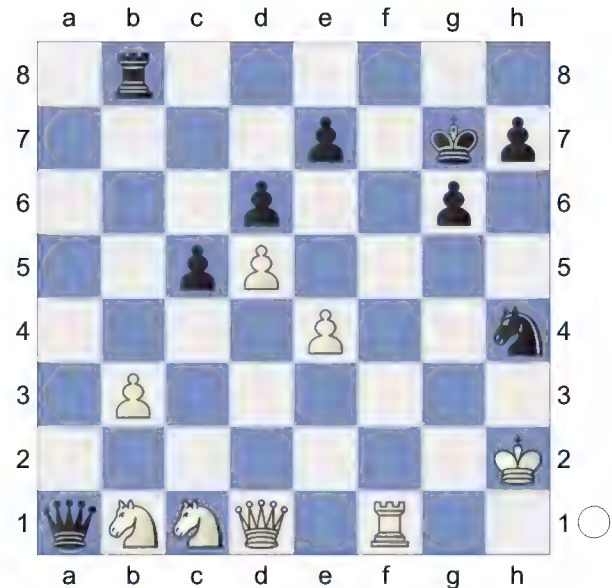
[26.Qb2+- 1.63/23]

26...Re3± 27.Ra2 Qa6 28.Re1 Rc3 29.Nb1 0.44/26

[29.Ne2± 0.93/22 Nxe2 30.Qxe2]

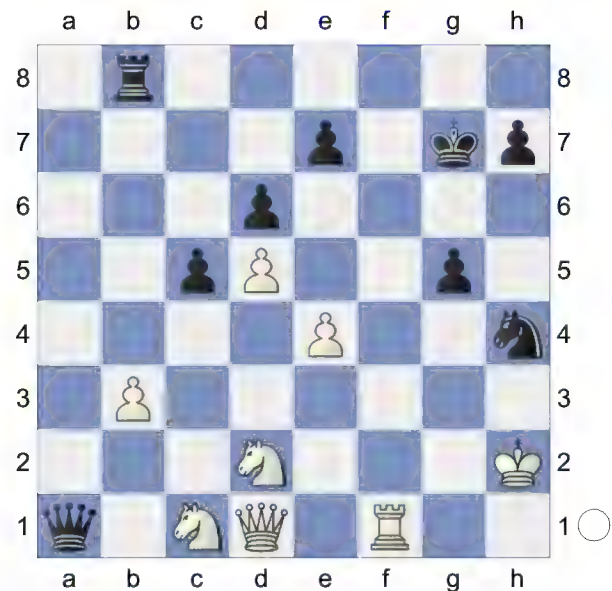
29...Ndf3+± 30.gxf3 Nxf3+ 31.Kg2!

[31.Kg3? Nxe1+ 32.Nxc3 Qf1-+]
31...Nh4+ 32.Kh1 Rxh3+ 33.Rh2 Rxh2+ 34.Kxh2 Qxa5 35.Rf1 Qa1!



36.Nd2 g5 0.99/20

[36...Qe5+± 0.54/23 37.Kh3 Qg5]



37.Kh1 0.01/18

[37.Qh5!± 0.99/20 White wants to mate with Rf7+. Qe5+ 38.Kh1]

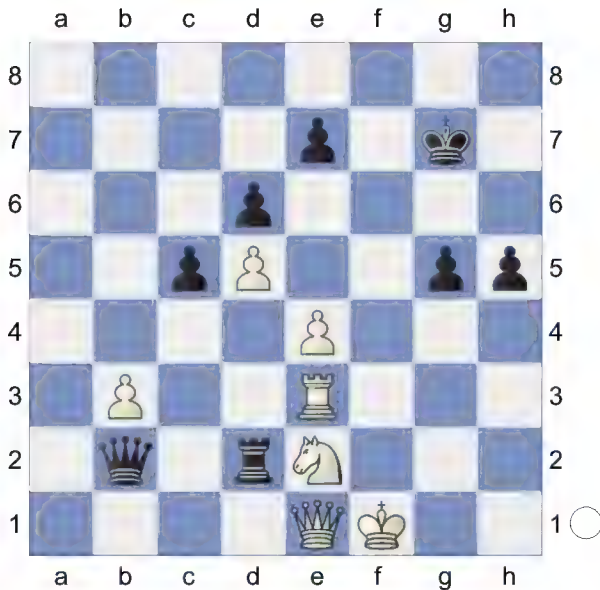
37...Qc3± Black has counterplay 38.Nf3

[38.Qe2 Rb4 39.Qf2 Qh3+ 40.Kg1]

38...Nxf3 39.Rxf3

[39.Qxf3 simplifies Qxf3+ 40.Rxf3

Rb4 41.Re3]
39...Qe5 40.Qe1 Rb4! 41.Re3
 [41.Rf5 Qxe4+ 42.Qxe4 Rxe4±]
41...Qa1! 42.Kg2 0.01/20
 [42.Qd2± 0.40/22 might be stronger.]
42...Rd4! 43.Rg3 h6 44.Re3 Qb2+
45.Ne2 Rd2 46.Kf1 h5



47.e5! Rxd5
 [47...dxe5 48.Qg3 Qb1+
 (48...Rxd5? 49.Qxg5+ Kf7 50.Qxh5+
 Ke6 51.Nf4+ Kd7 52.Qf5+ Kc7
 53.Nxd5+-) 49.Kf2 (49.Kg2 Rxd5
 50.Rxe5 Rxe5+-) 49...Qf5+
 (49...Rxd5? 50.Qxg5+ Qg6
 51.Qxe7+ Qf7+ 52.Qxf7+ Kxf7
 53.Nc3+-) 50.Rf3+-]
48.exd6 Qf6+ 49.Kg2 Qxd6 50.Ng3
Rd2+ 51.Kg1 Hoping for Nf5+. 51...Kf8
52.Qf1+
 [52.Nxh5? Qh2+ 53.Kf1 Qh1#]
52...Kg8 Hoping for ...Rd1. 53.Qc4+
 [53.Nxh5? Qh2#]
53...e6! The position is equal. 54.Nf1
Some like it hot
 [54.Rxe6? Qxg3+ 55.Kh1 Qh2#]
54...Rd1 55.Qe4
 [55.Qxe6+ Qxe6 56.Rxe6 Rd5±]
55...Kg7 Against Qg6+ 56.Kf2

[56.Qxe6 Qxe6 57.Rxe6 Rb1+-]
56...Qd4 57.Qe5+
 [57.Qxe6 Qf4+ 58.Rf3 Rxf1+
 59.Kxf1 Qxf3+ 60.Ke1 h4 (60...Qf6
 61.Qe3+-) 61.Qe7+ Kg6 62.Qxc5
 Qxb3 63.Qc6+ Kf5+-]
57...Qxe5 58.Rxe5 Endgame KRN-KR
 [58.Ke2 looks sharper. Qa1 59.Ng3
 Re1+ 60.Kf3]
58...Rd5 59.Rxe6 g4 60.Ke2 Kf7
61.Rh6 Re5+ 62.Ne3 Kg7 63.Ra6
Re4
 [Not 63...h4? 64.Ra4+-]
64.Ra4 Black escapes into a draw.
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09
 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
64...Re5
 1/2-1/2

10 **A57**
 □ **Stockfish Dev Da50** **3607**
 ■ **SlowChess Blitz 2.9 avx2** **3455**
 TCEC 24 Premier 2023 (42.1) 30.03.2023
 [Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit
Illescas Cordoba,M: 'Inf 63/59' 1.d4 Nf6
2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3 g6
6.e4 d6 7.Na3 Bg7 8.Ne2 axb5
9.Nxb5 0-0 10.a4N
 [10.Nec3 Na6 11.Be2 Nc7 12.0-0
 (12.Nxc7 Qxc7 13.Bg5 Qb6 14.Qd2
 Ba6 15.Rc1 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 h6
 17.Be3 Rfb8 18.Rc2 Nd7 19.0-0
 Qb4 20.Kh1 Kh7 21.Bc1 Rb7 22.f4
 Bd4 23.Qd3 Bg7 24.Re2 Qd4
 25.Qf3 Qc4 26.e5 Qa6 1-0 (50)
Kaussen,O (2620)-3.Nd2 Nc6 4.c3
(2480) POL-chT 65th 2009 (9) 27.e6
fxe6 28.Rxe6 Rf8 29.Rd1 Rf7
30.Rxg6 Bxc3 31.Qe4 Rb4 32.Qc2
Qc4 33.Rxd6+ Qe4 34.Qxe4+ Rxe4

35.Rxd7 Bd4 36.d6 Kg6 37.dxe7
Rfxe7 38.Rxe7 Rxe7 39.h3 Re2
40.b4 Rxa2 41.bxc5 Bxc5
1-0 (50) Kaussen,O (2620)-3. ♖d2
♗c6 4.c3 (2480) POL-chT 65th 2009
(9)) 12...Nxb5 13.Bxb5 Ba6 14.a4
Bxb5 15.Nxb5 Nd7 16.Ra3 Nb6
17.b3 Qd7 18.Bd2 Qxb5 19.axb5
Rxa3 20.Be3 Rfa8 21.f4 R8a5
22.b4 Rxb5 23.bxc5 Rxe3 24.cxb6
Rxe4 ½-½ (32) San Segundo Carrillo,
P (2480)-Illescas Cordoba,M (2595)
Madrid 1995 (2)]

10...Ne8 11.Nec3! Nc7 12.Bg5 Nxb5
White is better. 13.axb5 Rxa1 14.Qxa1
Nd7 15.Be2 Nb6 1.10/17

[15...Bd4± 0.66/18]

16.0-0 Qc7 1.38/19 Wards off Qa7

[16...Bd7 0.94/19]

17.Qc1 Qa7 18.Qd2 Re8 19.Rb1 Bd7
20.Kh1 Bd4 21.h4 h5 22.Be3 Bg7
1.58/20

[Black should try 22...Bf6 1.17/19]

23.b4!± c4 1.70/19

[23...cxb4± 1.26/18 24.Rxb4 Qa5]

24.f4 1.30/18

[24.Bd4+- 1.70/19]

24...Bg4 25.Rc1 Rb8 26.Bxc4 Qa3
27.Bd3 Qxb4 28.Nb1 1.09/23

[♘28.Na2 1.58/21 Qxd2 29.Bxd2]

28...Qa4 1.72/20

[28...Qb3± 1.09/23]

29.Qc2!+- Loses the game. 29...f5?
3.95/26 30.Qxa4

[30.exf5 Qxc2 31.Rxc2 Bxf5
32.Bxf5 gxf5 33.Bxb6 Rxb6♞]

[30.Qc7 Rc8 31.Qxb6 Rxc1+
(31...fxe4? 32.Rxc8+ Bxc8
33.Nd2+-) 32.Bxc1 fxe4♞ (32...Qd1+
33.Kh2♞)]

30...Nxa4

(Diagram)



31.e5 dxe5 32.Rc7 Nb6



33.d6! exd6 And now ...e4 would win.

34.Bxb6 Rxb6 35.Nc3

[35.Bc4+ d5 36.Bxd5+ Kh8±]

35...e4 4.59/29

[35...exf4 3.25/25 was called for.
36.Nd5 Rb8 37.Nxf4 d5]

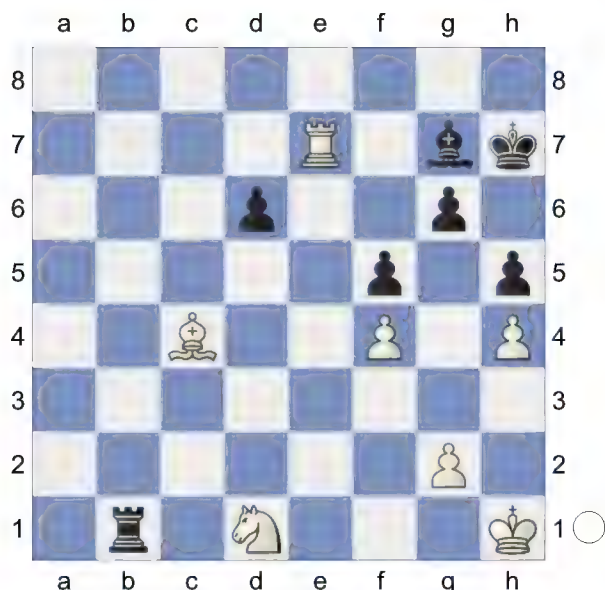
36.Bc4+ Kh7 37.Nd5 Rb8 38.b6 e3
39.Re7

[39.Nxe3 Rxb6 40.Rd7 Rb2=]

39...Bd1 40.Nxe3

[Less strong is 40.Rxe3 Ba4±]

40...Rxb6 41.Nxd1 Rb1



42.Be2 Rb6? 6.18/25

[42...Kh6 3.86/20 43.Re6 d5]

43.Ne3 Rb1+ 44.Kh2 Re1 45.Bc4
Rc1 46.g3 Ra1 47.Rd7 Ra3 48.Nd5
Ra4 49.Nf6+ Kh6 50.Ne8 Rxc4
51.Rxg7 Endgame KRN-KR 51...Rc2+
52.Kh3 Threatens to win with Rd7!
52...Re2 53.Rg8 Kh7 Wards off Rh8+
54.Nf6+ Kh6 55.Re8 Rxe8 56.Nxe8
d5 57.Kg2 Kh7 58.Kf2 Kg8 59.Ke3
Kf7 60.Nc7 Ke7 61.Nxd5+ KN-K3P
61...Kd7 62.Kd4 Ke6 63.Kc5 Kd7
64.Nb4 Ke6 65.Nc6 Kd7 66.Kd5 Kc7
67.Ne7 Kd7 68.Nxg6 KN-KPP 68...Kd8
69.Kd6 Ke8 70.Ke6 Kd8 71.Kxf5
KN-KP 71...Kc7 72.Ke6 Kb6 73.Ne5
Kc5 74.f5 Kb4 75.f6 Kb3 76.f7
Intending Kd5 and mate. 76...Kc3
77.f8Q Kc2 78.Qf3 Kd2 79.Nc4+ Kc2
80.Kd5 10.55/5

[♖80.Kf7 #3/8 Kb1 81.Qc3 Ka2
82.Qb2#]

80...Kb1 81.Qc3 Ka2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06
(flawless) /Black=0.49

82.Qb2#

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□ Komododragon

■ Berserk

TCEC 27 Premier 2024 (42.3) 10.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A58

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A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5
bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.e4 0-0 8.Nf3
d6

[8...Qa5 9.Nd2 Bxa6 10.Bxa6 Qxa6
11.a4 e6 12.Nb5 exd5 13.Nc7 Qa7
14.Nxa8 dxe4 15.a5 Qxa8 16.Nc4
d5 17.Nb6 Qa6 18.Qe2 c4 19.0-0
Nc6 20.Bg5 Nxa5 21.Nxd5 Nxd5
22.Bd2 Qc6 23.Rxa5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (36)
Nikolov,M (2559)-Ivanisevic,I (2665)
Karpos Open 2016 (7.2)]

9.Be2 Nxa6 1.07/22

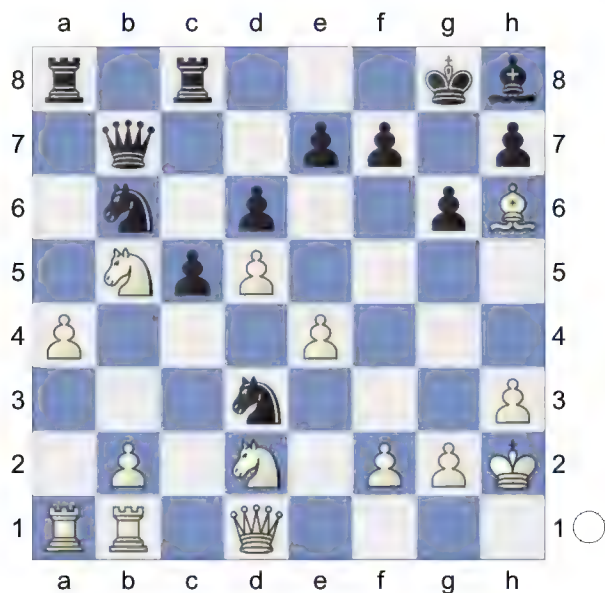
[9...Bxa6± 0.70/23 10.0-0 Re8]

10.0-0± Nc7N

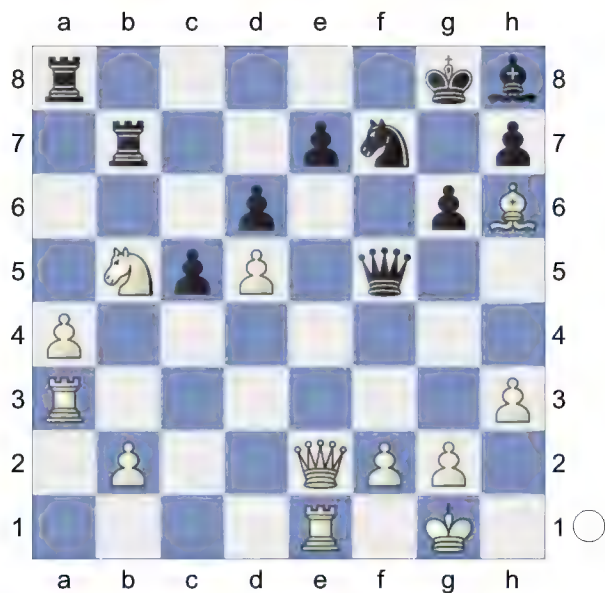
[10...Bb7 11.Bf4 Nh5 12.Bg5 Qb6
13.Rb1 Nf6 14.e5 dxe5 15.Nxe5
Rad8 16.Nc4 Qc7 17.Bf3 Nb4
18.d6 exd6 19.a3 d5 20.Nd2 Nd3
21.g3 h6 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Qc2 Ne5
24.Bg2 Bg7 25.Rfc1 0-1 (82)
Ondrejka,P (1919)-Vojta,J (2286) CZE-
ch Amateur 2023 (4) c4 26.Nf3 Nd3
27.Rd1 d4 28.Nb5 Qc5 29.Rxd3
Qxb5 30.Rdd1 d3 31.Qd2 Rfe8
32.Qb4 Qxb4 33.axb4 Re2 34.Nd2
Bxg2 35.Kxg2 Bd4 36.Nxc4 Rxf2+
37.Kh1 Rf3 38.b5 Rb8 39.Rd2
Rxb5 40.Kg2 0-1 (82) 9.Be3 Qa5 10.
0-0 0-0 (1919)-6. ♔ c2 ♕ xf3 7.
gxf3 63327 (2286) Asia-ch Blitz U20
Girls 2023 (4)]

11.a4 Ba6 White is better. 12.h3 Qc8
13.Re1 Nd7 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Qc2
Bxe2 16.Nxe2 Qb7 17.Reb1 Na6
18.Nc3 Nb6 19.Qc1 Nb4! 20.Bh6

Bh8 21.Nd2 Qa6 22.Nb5! Rec8
Prevents Nc7. 23.Kh2 Qb7 24.Qd1
Nd3

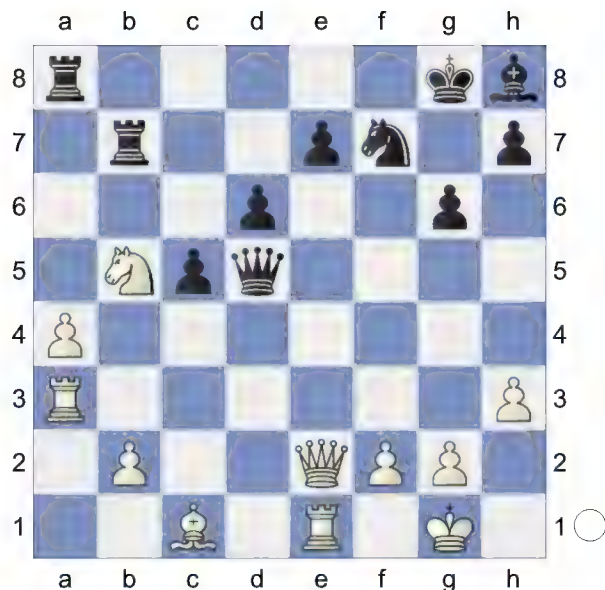


25.Nc4! Discovered Attack 25...Nxc4
26.Qxd3 Nb6 27.Nc3 Nd7 28.Qc2
Rcb8 29.Ra3! Inhibits Qb3. 29...Qb4!
30.Nb5 Ne5 31.Rba1 f5! 32.exf5 Qc4
33.Qd2 Qe4 34.Re1 Qxf5 35.Qe2
Rb7 36.Kg1 Nf7



37.Bc1 Qxd5

(Diagram)



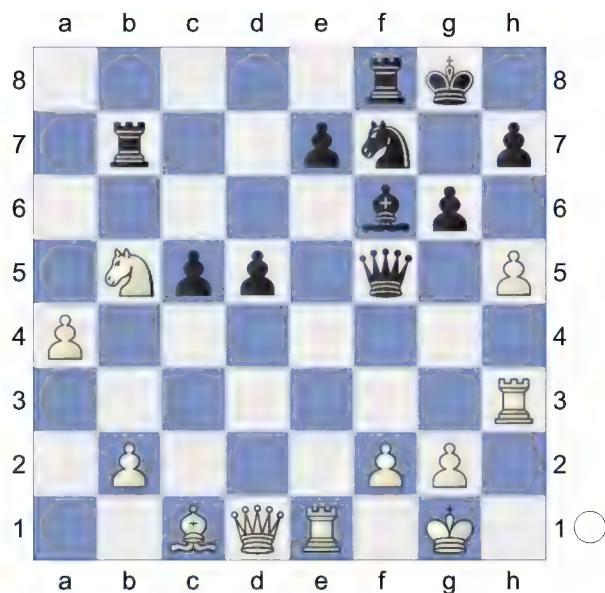
38.Rd3! Qf5 39.Qd1 Qd7! 40.h4
0.49/21

[40.b3± 0.89/21]

40...Rf8± 41.Rg3 0.41/19 White is more active.

[41.Rh3± 0.78/20]

41...Bf6 42.h5 Qf5 43.Rh3 d5



44.b4! Rc8 45.hxg6 hxg6 46.Nc3!
Rxb4 47.Nxd5 Rd4! 48.Nxf6+

[48.Nxe7+? too greedy. Bxe7 49.Qe2 Bf8-+]

48...exf6 49.Qe2 Rxa4 50.Rf3 Qh5
Hoping for ...Rh4. 51.Qe6 White has

compensation.

[51.Rxf6 simplifies Qxe2 52.Rxe2 Ra1 53.Re1]

51...Rf8 The position is equal. **52.Rh3**

[52.Qxf6!? Rh4□ 53.Rh3 Rxh3 54.gxh3=]

52...Qf5 53.Qe7 Strongly threatening **Rf3. 53...Ra1 54.Rc3**

[54.Rf3!? Qc2□ 55.Bd2 Rxe1+ 56.Bxe1±]

54...Ne5 55.Rxc5 Raa8

[55...g5 56.Rc7 Rf7 57.Qd8+ Kg7]

56.Rf1 Rf7

[56...Rfe8 57.Qb7 Nf3+ 58.Qxf3 Qxc5 59.Qxf6 Qf5]

57.Qd6 Qd7 58.Qd1 Rd8 59.Qc2 Qd3

[59...Kg7 60.Rc3 Qd4 61.Rh3 Rfd7]

60.Bb2 Qxc2

[60...Re7 with more complications. 61.Qa4 Qe2 62.Bc3 Qg4]

61.Rxc2 Ng4 62.Rc4 Nh6 63.Rc6 Kg7 64.Re1 Rd5 65.Kf1 Ng4 66.f3 Ne5 67.Bxe5 Rxe5 68.Rd1 g5 69.Rb1 Rfe7 70.Rc2 R5e6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)

71.Rd2

1/2-1/2

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□ LCZero 0.30-dag-8092b376-BT2-

■ Komododragon 3569

TCEC 24 Premier 2023 (35.4) 27.03.2023 [Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

Razuvaev,Y: '48/94 ' Razuvaev,Y: 'Inf 48/94' 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nf3 b4 5.a3 Na6 0.78/23

[5...g6= 0.24/23 remains equal.]

6.Nbd2N

[6.g3 e6 (6...g6 7.Bg2 d6 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Ne1 0-0 10.Nd3 Nd7 11.Bf4 Rb8 12.Qc1 Re8 13.Rd1 Qc7 14.h3 h5 15.Kh2 Rb6 16.Rd2 Rb8 17.Ra2 b3 18.Ra1 Qa5 19.Rd1 Nb6 20.Nd2 Qa4 21.Re1 0-1 (99) 6.♖xd4 exd5 7.--

- 63398 (2597)-Ranki,M (2509) ESP corr Spain 1990 (5)) 7.Bg2 Bb7 8.Nh4 exd5 9.cxd5 g6 10.0-0 Bg7 11.Nd2 0-0 12.Nc4 d6 13.Bf4 Ne8 14.Nf3 bxa3 15.Rxa3 Nb4 16.e4 a5 17.Re1 h6 18.h4 Ra6 19.Qd2 Kh7 20.Nh2 a4 1-0 (43) Razuvaev,Y (2545)-Kotronias,V (2475) 48/94 Sochi 1989 21.Ng4 h5 22.Nge3 Nc7 23.Rea1 Qd7 24.Nd1 Nb5 25.Rxa4 Nd4 26.Rxa6 Bxa6 27.Rxa6 Nxa6 28.Bxd6 Re8 29.Nde3 Nb5 30.Bf4 Nb4 31.e5 Nd4 32.Nd6 Ra8 33.Kh2 Ra6 34.Ne4 Qa7 35.Ng5+ Kg8 1-0 (43) Grabarz,M (2545)-Wachs (2475) Paris m 1859]

[6.axb4 Nxb4 7.Nc3 d6 8.e4 g6 9.Be2 Bg7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bf4 Bg4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Nd7 14.Qd2 Re8 15.Ra3 Qb6 16.Bg4 Ne5 17.Be2 Reb8 18.h4 Rb7 19.h5 gxh5 20.Bxe5 Bxe5 1-0 (41) Strick,E (2625)-West,J (2675) South Open Wales 2009 (7)]

6...Qc7 7.e4 d6 1.13/22

[7...e5!± 0.68/21]

8.Bd3 White is better. **8...g6 9.Ng5! h6**

10.Nh3 Bg7 11.f4 Bxh3 12.gxh3 0-0

13.0-0 e6 14.Nf3 0.87/23

[♠14.dxe6 1.38/23 Rae8 15.exf7+ Qxf7 16.Kh1]

14...Rae8 1.58/22

[♠14...exd5 0.87/23 15.exd5 bxa3 16.Rxa3 Nb4]

15.e5 dxe5 16.d6

[16.fxe5 Nd7±]

16...Qb6

[16...Qxd6 17.fxe5 (17.Nxe5 Nd7 $\neq$)
17...Qe7 18.exf6 Qxf6 19.Be4]

17.fxe5

[17.Nxe5 Rd8 (17...Qxd6 18.Be3 $\neq$)
18.Bb1 Rxd6 $\neq$ (18...Qxd6 19.Qxd6
Rxd6 20.axb4=)]

17...Nd7 18.Qe2 bxa3 19.bxa3

[19.Rxa3?! Nb4 $\pm$]

19...Nab8 20.Rb1 Qa6 21.Rb5! f5

1.53/22

[Better is 21...Nc6 1.07/22]

22.h4! Nc6 23.Bb2 Kh7 1.83/21

[23...Qc8 $\pm$ 1.47/22 was worth a try.]

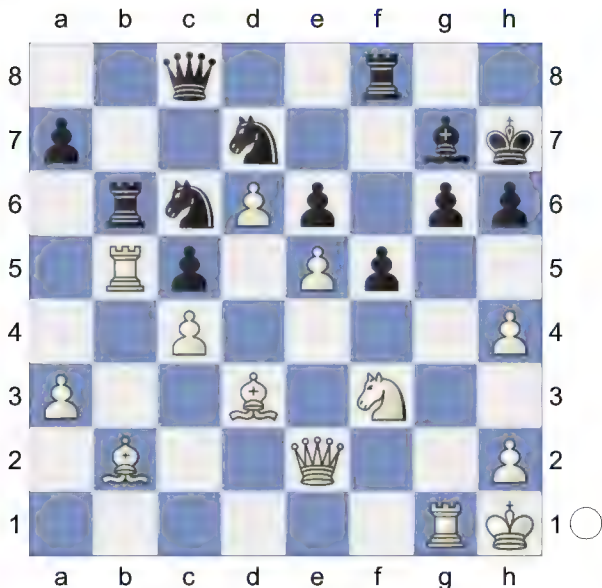
24.Re1+- Rb8 1.99/22

[24...Rg8 $\pm$ 1.27/22 25.Kh1 Nd8]

25.Kh1 Qc8 26.Rg1 1.27/23

[26.Qg2+- 1.74/22]

26...Rb6 $\pm$



27.h5! 1.16/22 g5 28.h4! Qa8 29.Kh2 1.11/25

[29.hxg5 Ncxe5 30.Rxb6 axb6
31.gxh6 Bh8 32.Bxe5 Nxe5 $\pm$]
[29.Rg2!+- 2.38/25]

29...Qe8 Threatens to win with ...Kg8.

30.Rg3

[30.hxg5 Qxh5+ 31.Kg2 Ncxe5
32.Nxe5 Qxe2+ 33.Bxe2 Rxb5

34.cxb5 (34.g6+ Kg8 $\neq$) 34...Bxe5
35.Bxe5 Nxe5=]

30...g4 31.Rxg4 Qxh5 32.Rg2

Chess con chili. 32...Kh8

[32...Bxe5+? 33.Bxe5 Rg8 34.Rxg8
Kxg8 35.Bb2+-]

33.Rxb6 Nxb6 34.Qf2 0.77/22

[34.Kh3!+- 1.61/21 and White stays
clearly on top.]

34...Nd7 35.Be2 0.71/21

[Δ 35.Bc2! 1.23/22]

35...Qf7 36.Bd1? -0.01/18

[36.Bc3!+- 1.61/21]

36...Rg8 1.37/18

[36...Ncxe5= -0.01/18 37.Nxe5
Bxe5+ 38.Bxe5+ Nxe5 39.Qxc5
Qf6]

37.Qe2 0.82/20

[Δ 37.Qe3! 1.37/18]

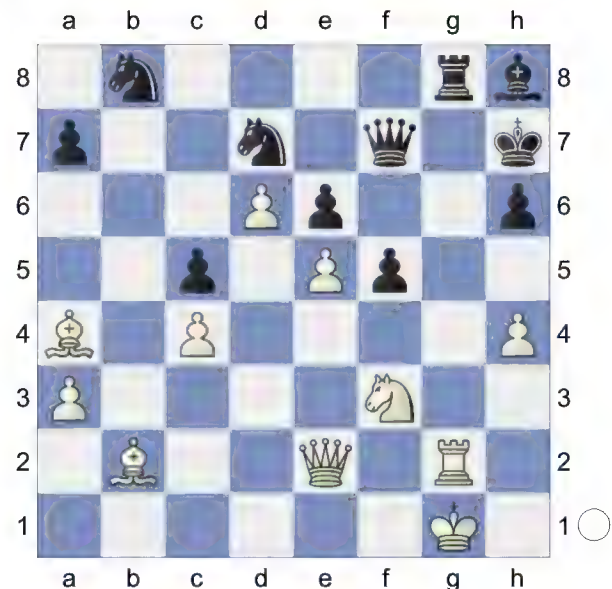
37...Kh7 1.76/20

[37...Nd4 $\pm$ 0.82/20 38.Qe3 (38.Bxd4
cxd4 39.Ba4 Nc5 $\pm$) 38...Nxf3+
39.Bxf3 Rb8]

38.Kg1 1.22/20

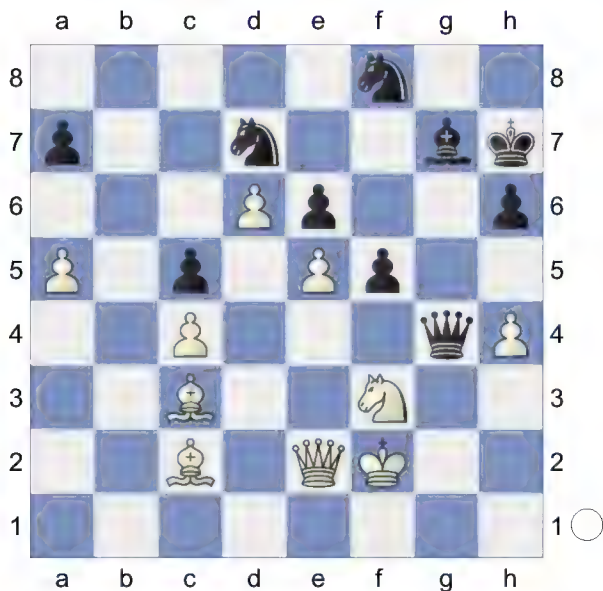
[White should play 38.Ba4+- 1.76/20
Nd8 39.Rg1]

38...Bh8 39.Ba4 Ncb8



40.Bc3! Nb6 41.Bd1

[41.Bb5 a6 42.Ba5 axb5=]
41...Rxcg2+ 42.Kxcg2
 [42.Qxcg2 Nxc4 43.Qe2 Nxd6
 44.exd6 Bxc3±]
42...N8d7 43.a4 1.21/24 Active counter
 play!
 [43.Kf2+- 1.68/22]
43...Qg6+ 44.Kf2 Qg4 45.Bb3 Nf8
46.a5↑ Keeping Black busy. **46...Nbd7**
47.Bc2 Bg7



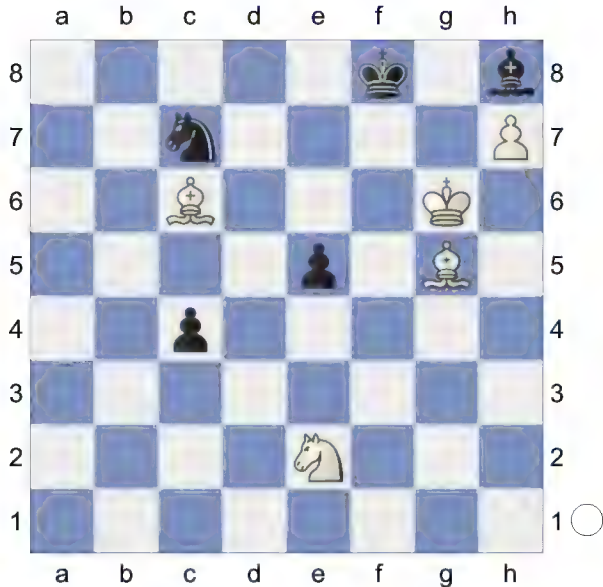
48.Ng5+! Kg8 49.Qxcg4
 Remove Defender **49...fxg4 50.Ne4**
Bxe5? 2.87/23
 [50...Kf7± 0.85/25]

(Diagram)



51.Bd2!+-
 [51.Bxe5 Nxe5 52.Ba4 (52.Nxc5
 Kf7±) 52...Kf7±]
51...Bd4+ 52.Kg2 h5 53.Ba4 Kg7
54.Bg5 Kf7 3.66/21
 [54...Kg6 2.34/21 55.Be7 Kf7]
55.Bh6 a6 56.Kf1 g3 57.Bg5
 [57.Nxcg3 Nf6±]
57...Ne5 58.Nf6
 [58.Nxcg3 Nxc4 59.d7 (59.Nxh5
 Nxd6 60.Bd1 c4±) 59...Nxd7+-]
58...Kg6 59.d7 Nfxd7 60.Bxd7
 [Don't take 60.Nxd7 Nxc4 61.Kg2
 Nxa5 62.Bc2+ (62.Kxcg3 c4+-)
 62...Kg7+-]
60...Nxc4 61.Ne4 Nxa5 62.Nxcg3 Nb7
63.Be8+
 [63.Bxe6 a5 64.Ne4 Be5+-]
63...Kh7 64.Ne4
 [64.Nxh5 c4 65.Bf7 Nc5+-]
 [64.Bxh5 Nd6 65.Bd1 Kg7+-]
64...a5 65.Bc6 Trapped Piece. A strong
pair of Bishops.
 [Less strong is 65.Bxh5 a4 66.Bc1
 Na5+-]
65...a4 66.Bxa4
 [66.Bxb7 a3 67.Nxc5 Bxc5+-]
66...c4 67.Be8 Na5 68.Bxh5 Nc6

69.Ng3 Kg8 70.Ne2 Ba7 71.Kg2 Bc5
72.Kf3 Bf8 73.Ke4 Bc5 74.Be8 Nb4
75.Ke5 Na6 76.Kf6 Nc7 77.Bc6 Ba3
78.Kg6 And now h5 would win. 78...Bb2
79.h5 Bh8 80.h6 h7+ would kill now.
80...Kf8 81.h7 White mates. 81...e5



82.Nd4! Promotion 82...exd4
KBB-KBN. Black is a pawn up. 83.Bf6
d3 84.Bxh8 Ke7 85.Be5 Ke6 86.Bxc7
d2 87.h8Q d1Q

Weighted Error Value: White=0.22
(precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)

88.Qe5#
1-0

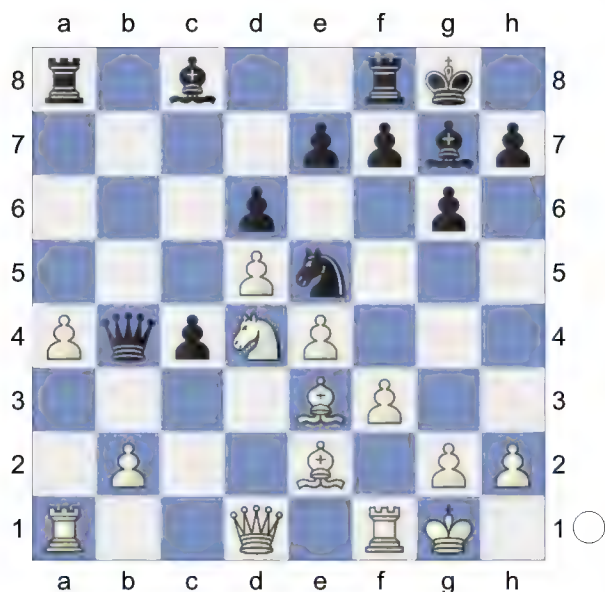
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□ Ethereal 3545
■ Seer 3542
TCEC 27 Premier 2024 (35.1) 07.12.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit
Illescas Cordoba,M: 'Inf 63/59' 1.d4 Nf6
2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3 g6
6.e4 d6 7.Na3 Bg7 8.Ne2 axb5
9.Nxb5 Na6 10.Nec3 0-0 11.a4N
[11.Be2 Nc7 12.0-0 (12.Nxc7 Qxc7

13.Bg5 Qb6 14.Qd2 Ba6 15.Rc1
Bxe2 16.Qxe2 h6 17.Be3 Rfb8
18.Rc2 Nd7 19.0-0 Qb4 20.Kh1
Kh7 21.Bc1 Rb7 22.f4 Bd4 23.Qd3
Bg7 24.Re2 Qd4 25.Qf3 Qc4 26.e5
Qa6 1-0 (50) Kaussen,O (2620)-3.Nd2
Nc6 4.c3 (2480) POL-chT 65th 2009
(9) 27.e6 fxe6 28.Rxe6 Rf8 29.Rd1
Rf7 30.Rxg6 Bxc3 31.Qe4 Rb4
32.Qc2 Qc4 33.Rxd6+ Qe4
34.Qxe4+ Rxe4 35.Rxd7 Bd4 36.d6
Kg6 37.dxe7 Rfxe7 38.Rxe7 Rxe7
39.h3 Re2 40.b4 Rxa2 41.bxc5
Bxc5 1-0 (50) Kaussen,O (2620)-3.
Qd2 Qc6 4.c3 (2480) POL-chT 65th
2009 (9)) 12...Nxb5 13.Bxb5 Ba6
14.a4 Bxb5 15.Nxb5 Nd7 16.Ra3
Nb6 17.b3 Qd7 18.Bd2 Qxb5
19.axb5 Rxa3 20.Be3 Rfa8 21.f4
R8a5 22.b4 Rxb5 23.bxc5 Rxe3
24.cxb6 Rxe4 25.Qc2 Reb4
1/2-1/2 (32) San Segundo Carrillo,P
(2480)-Illescas Cordoba,M (2595)
Madrid 1995 (2)]

11...Nc7 12.Bc4 Nd7 1.08/18
[12...Nxb5± 0.68/18 feels stronger.
13.Bxb5 Bd7]
13.0-0± White is better. 13...Ne5 1.30/20
[13...Nb6 0.85/18 14.Be2 Nxb5
15.Nxb5 (15.Bxb5 Ba6±) 15...Qd7]
14.Be2! Nxb5 15.Nxb5
[15.Bxb5 c4±]
15...c4 16.Be3 Dodges Qb6 16...Qa5
17.Nd4! Qb4 1.86/18
[17...Bd7!± 0.62/17]

(Diagram)



18.Qc2!+- f5 2.03/19

[18...Ba6± 1.57/17 19.Rfb1 Rfc8]

19.a5 Rxa5 2.27/21

[19...fxe4 1.72/20 20.Ra4 (20.fxe4 Rxf1+ 21.Rxf1 Qxa5=) 20...Qb7]

20.Bd2 Qc5 21.Rxa5

[21.Bxa5?! Qxd4+ 22.Kh1 Nd3±]

21...Qxd4+ 22.Kh1 fxe4 And now ... Nd3 would win. 23.Bc3

[23.fxe4?! Bg4 24.Bc3 Qe3 25.Rxf8+ Kxf8±]

23...Qb6 24.Qxe4

[24.fxe4 Rxf1+ 25.Bxf1 Ng4]

24...Bf5 25.Qh4 Bf6 2.20/23

[25...Qe3± 1.47/24]

26.Qf2 Qxf2 27.Rxf2 Rc8 28.Kg1 g5

29.f4 gxf4 30.Rxf4 Bd3 31.Bg4 Rf8

32.Be6+ Kg7 33.Ra7 Kg6 34.h4 h5

35.Ra6 Kg7 36.Ra7? -0.01/26

[36.g3+- 2.58/24]

36...Kg6= 37.Kh2 Bc2 38.g3 Rb8

39.Kg1 Rb5 40.Kf1 Rb8 41.Ke2 Bb1

42.Ke3 Bd3 43.Rf2 Rb5 44.Rc7 Rb8

45.Ra7? -0.01/24

[45.Rc8+- 2.58/24 Rb3 46.Kd2]

45...Bb1? 2.73/24

[45...Rb5!= -0.01/24]

46.Rc7? -0.01/20

[46.Rf1+- 2.73/24 Bd3 47.Rc1]

46...Bd3 47.Rc8 Rb3 48.Rf4 Rb5

49.Rg8+ Kh7 50.Rf8 Kg6 51.Ra8

Kh6 52.Rc8? -0.01/22

[White should play 52.Ra4+- 3.21/21]

52...Kg6 53.Rg8+ -0.01/21

[53.Re8+- 2.02/21]

53...Kh6? 2.24/21

[53...Kh7= -0.01/21 and Black is okay.]

54.Rf2+- Kh7 3.24/21

[54...Rb3 1.96/19 55.Ra8 Kg6]

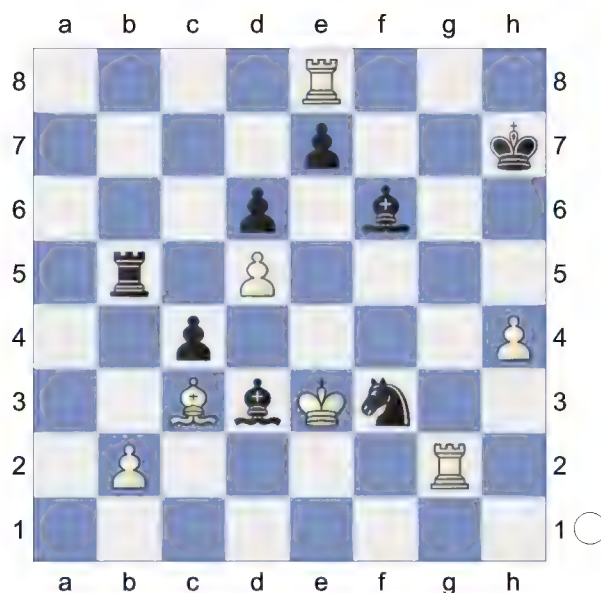
55.Rd8 Kg6 56.Rg2 Bg7? 4.36/22

[56...Bf5 2.10/22 57.Bxf5+ Kxf5]

57.g4 hxg4 58.Bxg4

[Inferior is 58.Bxe5 Bxe5 59.Bxg4 (59.Rxg4+ Kh6±) 59...Kh6=]

58...Kh7 59.Re8 Bf6 60.Bf3 Nxf3



61.Bxf6!

[61.Kxf3 Bg6 62.Bxf6 Bxe8

63.Rg7+ (63.Bxe7 Rxd5 64.Rg3

Rd3+ 65.Kf4 Rd4+ 66.Ke3 Rd3+

67.Kf2 Rd2+ 68.Ke3 Rxb2=)

63...Kh6 64.Rxe7 Bg6±]

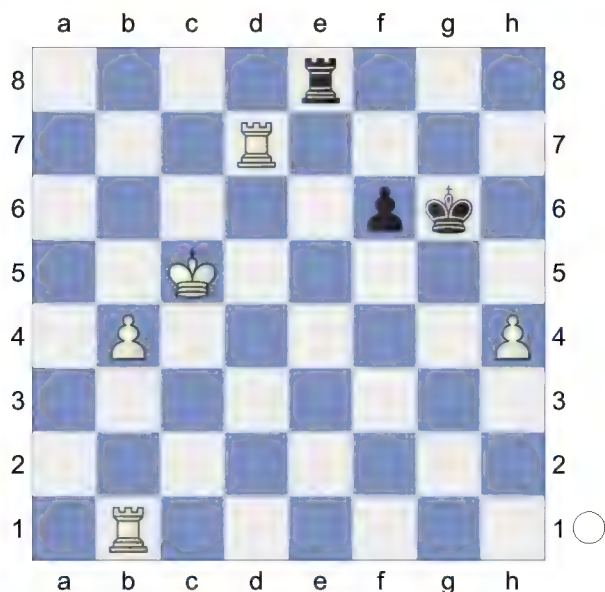
61...exf6 62.Kxf3 Rxd5 Endgame

KRR-KRB 63.Re7+ Kh6 64.Re6 Rf5+

65.Ke3 d5 66.Rd6 Re5+ 67.Kd4 Rf5

68.Rxd5 Rf4+ 69.Ke3 Re4+ 70.Kd2

Rf4 71.b4 Rf1 72.Rd8 Kh7 5.59/23
 [72...Rb1 3.90/24 might work better.]
 73.Kc3 Rc1+ 74.Kd4 Bb1 6.58/24
 [Δ74...Bf1 4.62/19]
 75.Rdg8 Rd1+ 76.Kxc4 Rd7 77.R8g4
 Dodges Be4 77...Rc7+ 78.Kb3 Re7
 79.Rd4 Re5 80.Kc4 Bf5 81.Rd6 Bb1
 82.Rd5 And now Rxe5 would win.
 82...Re4+ 83.Kc5 Kh6 Against Rh5+
 84.Rb2 Re8 85.Rxb1 Kg7 86.Rd7+
 Kg6



87.h5+! Kg5
 [87...Kh6 88.Rd5]
 88.Rg7+ Kf5 89.Rf1+ Ke6 90.Re1+
 Kf5 91.Rxe8 Threatening mate with h6.
 91...Kf4 92.h6 Kf3 93.h7 Kf2 94.h8Q
 White mates. 94...Kf1 95.Qh3+ Kf2
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/
 Black=0.34
 96.Qg2#
 1-0

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 [Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit
 Illescas Cordoba,M: 'Inf 63/59' 1.d4 Nf6
 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3 g6
 6.e4 d6 7.Na3 Bg7 8.Ne2 axb5
 9.Nxb5 Na6 10.Nec3 0-0 11.a4N

[11.Be2 Nc7 12.0-0 (12.Nxc7 Qxc7
 13.Bg5 Qb6 14.Qd2 Ba6 15.Rc1
 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 h6 17.Be3 Rfb8
 18.Rc2 Nd7 19.0-0 Qb4 20.Kh1
 Kh7 21.Bc1 Rb7 22.f4 Bd4 23.Qd3
 Bg7 24.Re2 Qd4 25.Qf3 Qc4 26.e5
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 Rf7 30.Rxg6 Bxc3 31.Qe4 Rb4
 32.Qc2 Qc4 33.Rxd6+ Qe4
 34.Qxe4+ Rxe4 35.Rxd7 Bd4 36.d6
 Kg6 37.dxe7 Rfxe7 38.Rxe7 Rxe7
 39.h3 Re2 40.b4 Rxa2 41.bxc5
 Bxc5 1-0 (50) Kaussen,O (2620)-3.
 Qd2 Qc6 4.c3 (2480) POL-chT 65th
 2009 (9)) 12...Nxb5 13.Bxb5 Ba6
 14.a4 Bxb5 15.Nxb5 Nd7 16.Ra3
 Nb6 17.b3 Qd7 18.Bd2 Qxb5
 19.axb5 Rxa3 20.Be3 Rfa8 21.f4
 R8a5 22.b4 Rxb5 23.bxc5 Rxe3
 24.cxb6 Rxe4 25.Qc2 Reb4
 1/2-1/2 (32) San Segundo Carrillo,P
 (2480)-Illescas Cordoba,M (2595)
 Madrid 1995 (2)]

11...Nc7 12.Bg5 Nxb5 13.Bxb5
 White is better. 13...Ne8 14.Qd2
 Black is weak on the light squares
 14...Ba6 1.14/22

[14...Nc7± 0.68/22 feels stronger.]
 15.Bxa6± Rxa6 16.0-0 Nc7 17.Bh6
 Bxh6 18.Qxh6 Qb8 19.Rf2 Rb6

20.Qc1 White is more active. 20...Rb3
21.h3 Qa7 22.Kh1 Rfb8 23.Re2
0.53/17

[23.a5± 1.20/18]

23...Ne8 1.13/17

[23...Qa6± 0.53/17]

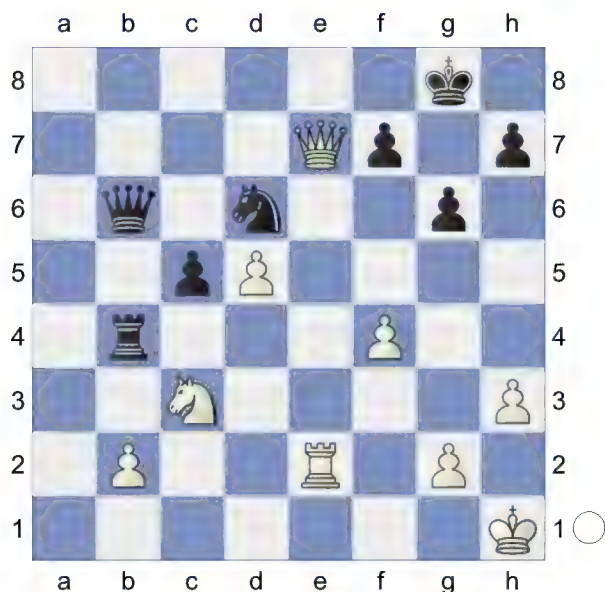
24.a5 R3b4 25.f4 0.61/22

[25.Qe1± 1.21/16]

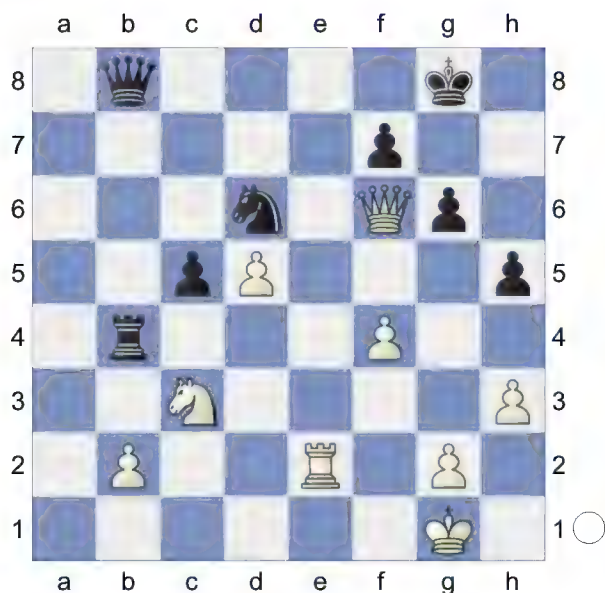
25...Ra8± 26.e5 Qc7! 27.Qe3 Rxa5

28.Rxa5 Qxa5 29.exd6 Nxd6

And now ...Nf5 would win. 30.Qxe7 Qb6



31.Qf6! Prevents Rxf4. 31...Qb8!
32.Kg1 h5



33.Kh2 0.36/17

[33.Re5!± 0.91/20]

33...Ne8! 34.Qe5 Nd6 35.Na2! Rb5

36.Nc1 Nf5 37.b3 Nd3 would now be
deadly. 37...Rb4! 38.Nd3 Qxe5!

39.fxe5 Rd4 40.Nxc5 Rxd5

The position is equal. 41.b4 Nd4

42.Re4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very
precise) /Black=0.07 (flawless)

42...Kg7

1/2-1/2

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A59

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[Kitty Kat]

A59: Benko/Volga Gambit: White castles
by hand

Gurevich,M: 'Inf 71/(71)' 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4

c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6

6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.e4 Bxf1 8.Kxf1 d6

9.g3 Bg7 10.Nf3

[10.Kg2 Nbd7 11.f4 0-0 12.Nf3 Ne8

13.Re1 Nc7 14.Bd2 Nb6 15.Qe2

Qd7 16.b3 f5 17.a4 fxe4 18.Qxe4

Qf5 19.Qxf5 gxf5 20.Rxe7 Nbx d5

21.Rd7 Nxc3 22.Rxg7+ Kxg7

23.Bxc3+ Kf7 24.Rd1 Ke7

0-1 (47) Gelfand,B (2733)-Carlsen,M

(2815) 20th Amber Rapid 2011 (11)]

10...Qc8N

[10...Nbd7 11.Kg2 Ra7 (11...Qa5

12.a4 0-0 13.Qc2 Qb4 14.Bd2 Rfb8

15.Rhb1 Qb3 16.Ne1 Ne5 17.f3

Nc4 18.Bc1 Qxc2+ 19.Nxc2 Rb3

20.Na3 Na5 21.Nab5 Nd7 22.Bd2

Ne5 23.Nc7 Nec4 24.Nxa8 Nxd2

25.Rc1 Rxb2 26.Ra2 0-1 (53)

Mohandesi,S (2659)-6. ♖e1 a6 7.

♙c4 63663 (2588) Internet Section 15-B blitz 2003) 12.Re1 Qa8 13.a4 0-0 14.Nb5 Rb7 15.Bd2 Ng4 16.Bc3 Bxc3 17.bxc3 c4 18.Qd4 Rc8 19.Reb1 Qa6 20.Rb4 Nge5 21.Rab1 Rc5 22.Nxd6 1-0 Kaussen,O (2585)-Berlingozzo,E (2255) 48/443 Bela Crkva 1989 (1)]

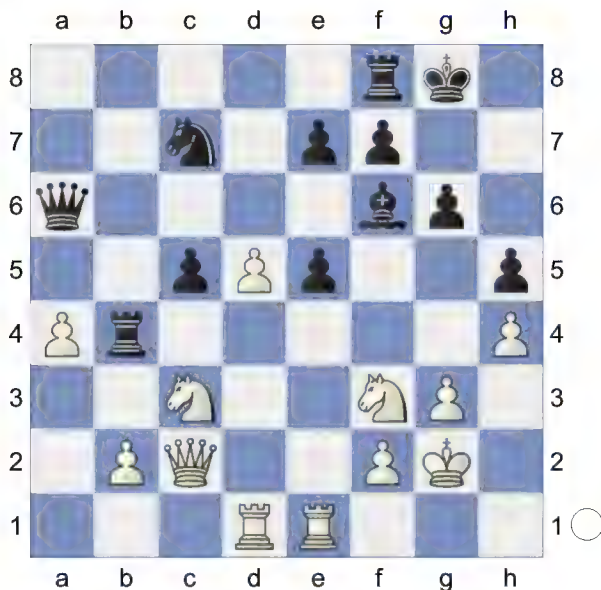
11.Kg2 **Dodges Q h 3 + 11...0-0**
White is better. 12.a4 Na6 13.Qe2 Nc7
14.Bg5 h6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Qc2 h5
17.h4! Qa6 18.Rhe1 Rab8 1.18/19

[18...Rfb8 0.72/19]

19.Rad1 0.63/20

[19.b3± 1.18/19]

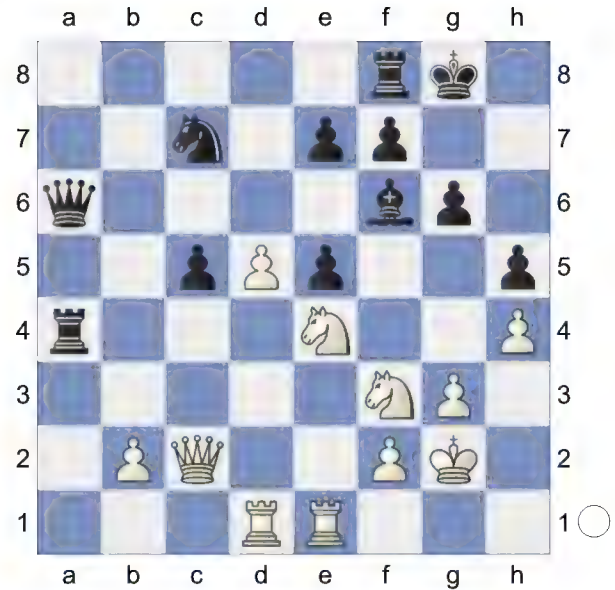
19...Rb4± 20.e5 dxe5



21.Ne4! **Discovered Attack 21...Rxa4**
1.15/19

[21...Rc4± 0.58/19 22.Qe2 Bg7]

(Diagram)



22.Qxc5 0.14/20 **White is more active.**

[22.d6!± 1.15/19 Ne6 23.Nxc5 Nxc5 24.Qxc5]

22...Rc4= 23.Qe3 Bg7 24.b3 Rc2
25.d6 exd6 26.Nxd6 Qa2 27.Nc4
0.02/21

[27.Kg1± 0.46/20 should be considered.]

27...e4 **The position is equal. 28.Ng5**
A dynamic duo of knights. 28...Bc3
29.Rf1 **Threatens to win with Rd7!.**
29...Qxb3 30.Nd6 Nd5 31.Qxe4 Nf6
32.Qd3 Kg7 33.Kg1 Qa2 34.Ngxf7
Rxf7 35.Nxf7 Kxf7 36.Rb1 Be5
37.Rb5 Rc3 38.Rb7+ Rc7 39.Rfb1
Qd5 40.Qa6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.09
(flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

40...Qe4

1/2-1/2

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□ Berserk

■ Ethereal

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[Kitty Kat]

A58

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A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.e4 0-0 8.Nf3
d6 9.a7 Rxa7 10.Be2 Nbd7 11.0-0
Ba6 12.Bxa6N

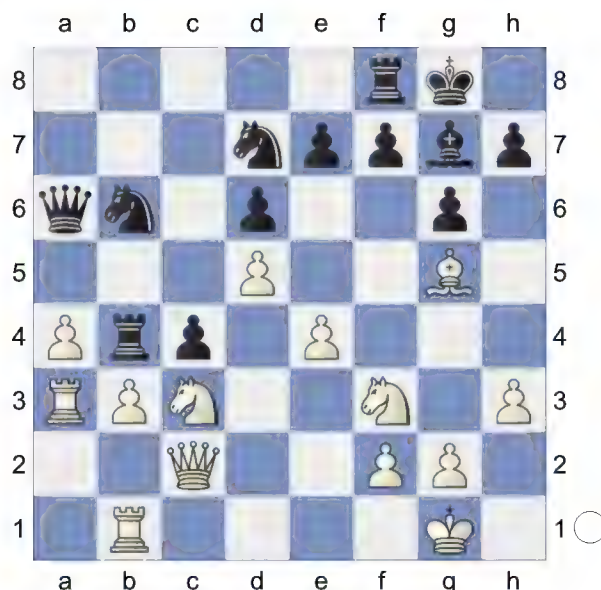
[12.Re1 Qa8 13.h3 Rb8 14.Bxa6
Rxa6 15.Qc2 Ne8 16.Bg5 Kf8 17.b3
Nc7 18.a4 Rab6 19.Rab1 Ne5
20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Ne2 Qb7 22.Nc1
e6 23.Nd3 Bd4 24.e5 Nxd5 25.exd6
Rxd6 26.Bd2 Qa7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (54) Bouwer,
H (2590)-Caushi,A (2500) corr(EU/M/
GT/278) 1987 (7.4)]

[12.a4 Qa8 13.Ra3 Nb6 14.b3 Rc8
15.Nd2 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 Nfd7 17.Bb2
c4 18.bxc4 Bxc3 19.Rxc3 Rxa4
20.Rh3 Nxc4 21.Nxc4 Raxc4
22.Qe3 f6 23.Rh4 Qa2 24.Bc1 Rc3
25.Qh6 Nf8 26.Rh3 Rc2 1-0 (35)
Fuentes Perez,N (1986)-Rossello
Padron,C (1635) Vecindario Montalvo
Memorial 15th 2023 (5)]

[12.Rb1 Qa8 13.Re1 Bxe2 14.Qxe2
Ng4 15.Nd2 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Ngf6
17.a3 Rb8 18.Rxb8+ Qxb8 19.c4
Rb7 20.f4 Nh5 21.Qe3 f6 22.g3
Ng7 23.Qd3 Kh8 24.Re3 e5 25.f5
gxf5 26.exf5 e4 1-0 (34) Petzold,V
(2601)-Clarke,G (2447) Plzen m 2000
(9.4)]

12...Rxa6 13.a4 Qa8 14.Ra3 Rb6
15.h3 Rb4 White is better. 16.Qc2 Qa6
17.Bg5 Nb6 18.b3 c4 19.Rb1 Nfd7

(Diagram)



20.a5 0.55/22

[20.Bxe7 Rc8±]

[20.bxc4!± 1.11/21 Rxb1+ 21.Nxb1
Nxc4 22.Qe2]

20...cxb3± 21.Rbxb3

[21.axb6? loses. bxc2 22.Rxa6
Rxb1+ (22...cxb1R+? 23.Nxb1
Rxb1+ 24.Kh2-+; 22...cxb1B?
23.Ra7-+; 22...cxb1N? 23.Na4-+;
22...cxb1Q+? 23.Nxb1 Rxb1+
24.Kh2-+) 23.Kh2 Bxc3-+]

21...Nc4 22.Ra2

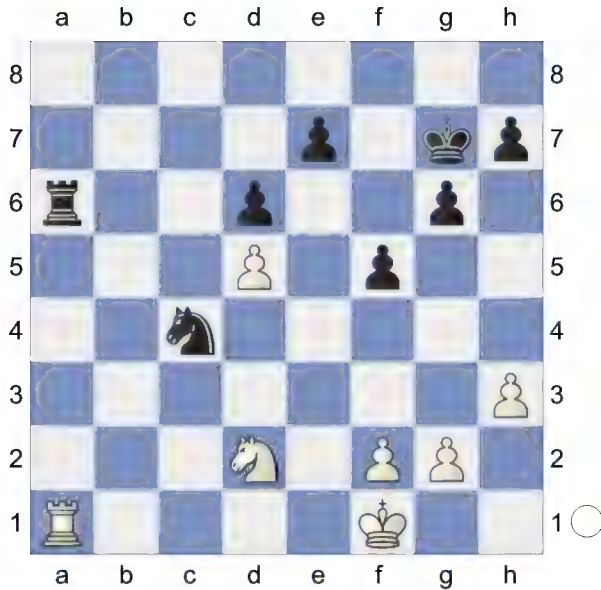
[22.Bxe7 Nxa3 23.Rxa3 Rc8-+]

22...Rxb3 23.Qxb3 Nc5 24.Qc2 Bxc3
25.Qxc3 Nxe4 26.Qd3 Nxg5 27.Nxg5
Ra8 28.Nf3! Prevents Ne5. 28...Nxa5
29.Qxa6 Rxa6 Endgame KRN-KRN.
Black is a pawn up. 30.Nd2 White is
more active. 30...f5 31.Ra1 Kg7
32.Kf1

[32.Nc4 Nxc4 33.Rxa6 h5±]

32...Nc4

(Diagram)



Discovered Attack 33.Rxa6 Nxd2+ KR-KN 34.Ke2 Ne4 35.Ke3 Nf6 36.Kd4 Nh5! 37.g3 Nf6 38.Ra2 Kf7 39.Re2 h6 40.Kc4 Ke8 41.Re6 Kf7 42.Re2 Ke8 43.Re3 Kf7 44.Re1 Kf8 45.Kd4 Nh7 46.Kc4 -0.01/29

[46.Rf1± 0.41/27]

46...Ng5 0.35/30

[46...Nf6= -0.01/29 should be considered.]

47.h4 Ne4 48.Re2 Nf6 The position is equal. 49.Re6 Kf7 50.Re1 Ng4 51.Re2 Nf6 52.Kd4 Ng4 53.Rb2 Ke8 54.Rb8+ Kf7 55.f4 Nf6 56.Rb3 Nd7 57.Re3 Nf6 58.Rb3 Nd7 59.Rc3 Nf6 60.Re3 Nh5 61.Rf3 Nf6 62.Kc4 Kf8 63.Rd3 Kg7 64.Kb5 Kf7 65.Kc6 Ke8 66.Re3 Nh5 67.Re6 Kf7 68.Re3

[68.Kd7!? Nf6+□ 69.Kc6=]

68...Nf6 69.Re1 Ke8 70.Rd1 Kf7 71.Rd3 Ke8 72.Kb5 Kf7 73.Kb6 Ne4 74.Re3 Nf6 75.Kc6 Ke8 76.Re6 Kf7 77.Re1 Ke8 78.Re3 Kf8 79.Re6 Intending Rxf6+! and mate. 79...Kf7 80.Re2 Nh5 81.Re3

[81.Kd7!? Nf6+□ 82.Kc6=]

81...Nf6 82.Rf3 Kf8 83.Ra3 Kf7 84.Rf3 Kf8 85.Ra3 Kf7 86.Re3 Ke8

87.Rb3 Kf8 88.Rc3 Ne4 89.Re3 g4! is the strong threat. 89...Nf6 90.Rc3 Kg7 91.Rb3 Kg8 92.Rb8+ Kf7 93.Rb3 Ke8 94.Rd3 Kf8 95.Kb7 Kf7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

96.Kb6

1/2-1/2

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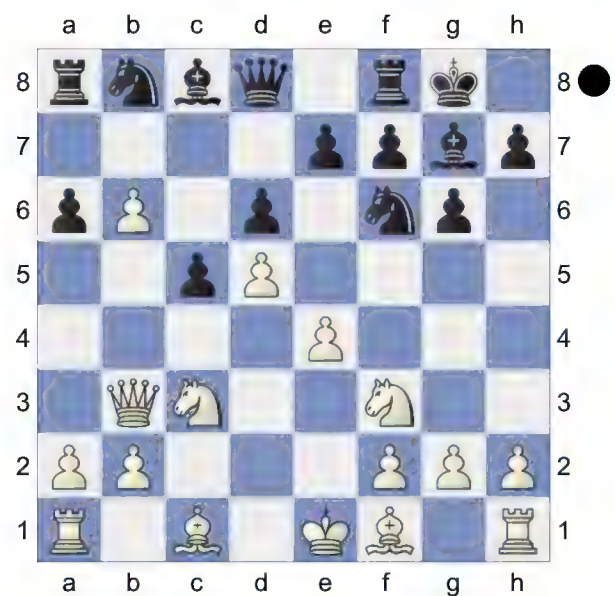
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TCEC 19 Premier 2020 (30.2) 13.09.2020
[Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

This game is mainly included for entertainment value, but those who play this line for black should mull over the possibility that this might be more than a mismatch - a white improvement may have been lurking in any event. 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.b6 g6 6.Nc3 d6 7.e4 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Qb3



Bb7! 10.a4

[10.Nd2 a5 (10...Nbd7 11.Nc4 Ng4

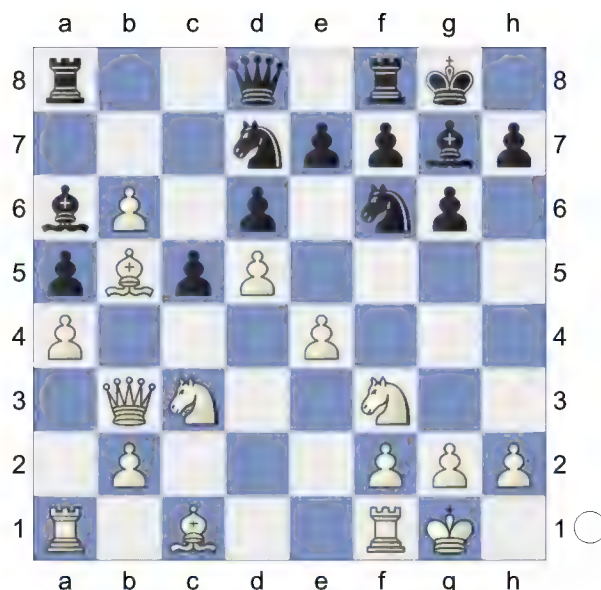
12.Be2 Nge5 13.Na5 Rb8 14.f4 c4
 15.Qb4 Nd3+ 16.Bxd3 cxd3 17.Be3
 f5 18.Nc6 Bxc6 19.dxc6 Bxc3+
 20.Qxc3 Rxb6 21.cxd7 Rb7
 22.Qc4+ Rf7 23.0-0 Qxd7 24.Qxd3
 Rxb2 25.Bd4 1-0 (40) Al Abdali,Z
 (1780)-Al Zaabi,F (1514) Asia-ch
 Amateur 2022 (2) 11.Be2 Nbd7
 12.Na4 Re8 13.0-0 e6 14.dxe6
 Rxe6 15.Bc4 Re7 16.Rd1 Rb8
 17.Nf3 Nxe4 18.Bf4 Bc6 19.Bxd6
 Nxd6 20.Rxd6 Bxa4 21.Qxa4 Rxb6
 22.Qxa5 Qb8 23.Rxb6 Qxb6
 24.Qa8+ Nf8 ;-(57) 13. ♖ad1 ♔b6
 14.b3 (2642)-Kavakul,M (2711) DSEM
 30 Apolda 1996 (1.1)]

10...a5! 11.Bb5N White is slightly better.

[11.Nd2 Nbd7 12.Nc4 Ng4 13.Bg5
 Nde5 14.h3 Nxc4 15.hxg4 Nxb6
 16.Nb5 Bc8 17.Qg3 f6 18.Bd2 Rf7
 19.Ra3 Bd7 20.Qh2 Bh8 21.Rh3 h5
 22.Rxh5 gxf5 23.Qxf5 Bg7
 24.Qh7+ Kf8 25.Bh6 e5 1-0 (31)
 Sokolov,I (2659)-Vestly,J (2109) ECC
 Panormo GRE 2001 (2) 26.Nxd6 Be8
 27.Nxf7 Bxf7 28.Bxg7+ Ke7
 29.Bxf6+ Kxf6 30.Qh4+ Kg6
 31.Qh6# 1-0 Haamer,H (2659)-6.
 ♘bd2 ♘a5 7. ♔c3 64047 (2109) corr
 VWC10 /pr 31 2017 (2)]

11...Nbd7 12.0-0 Ba6

(Diagram)



**13.b7! Bxb7 14.Bd2 Ne8 15.Rfe1
 Rb8! 16.Qc4 0.35/17** White is much more active.

[16.Nb1± 0.74/20]

16...Nc7± 17.Nd1 Ra8 18.Qd3 0.14/18

[Better is 18.Bc3± 0.66/18]

18...Ba6 0.65/21

[18...e6= 0.14/18]

19.Bxa5 0.01/21

[19.Bc3!± 0.65/21]

19...Bxb5!= 20.axb5 Ra7 ...Qa8 is the strong threat. 21.Ra3 Qb8 22.Nc3 Qb7 23.Rea1 Rfa8 24.Bxc7 Rxa3 25.Rxa3

[Reject 25.bxa3 Qxc7 26.Ra2 Qa5±]

25...Rxa3 26.bxa3 Qxc7 27.Nd1 c4 28.Qb1 Nb6! 29.Ne3 Qc5 30.Qb4 Qxb4 31.axb4 Endgame KBN-KNN. White is a pawn up. 31...Bc3 Prevents Nd2 32.Kf1 Bxb4 33.Ke2 With the idea Nd2. 33...Na4 The position is equal. 34.Nd1

[34.Nxc4 Nc3+ 35.Kd3 Nxb5±]

[34.Nxc4!? Nc3+□ 35.Kd3 Nxb5 36.Nb2±]

34...Kf8 35.Nd2 c3 36.Nb3 c2 37.Ne3 Nc5! 38.Nxc2 Nxb3 39.Nxb4 KN-KN. White is a pawn up. 39...Nd4+

40.Kd3 Nxb5 41.Nc6 f5 42.exf5 gxf5
43.Kc4 Na3+ 44.Kd3 Nb5 45.Kc4
Na3+ 46.Kb3 Nb5 47.g3

[47.Kb4!? Nc7 48.Kc4±]

47...Nc7 48.Kc4 Na8 49.Nd8

Black must now prevent Ne6+.

49...Nb6+ 50.Kd4 Kg7 51.Ne6+ Kg6

52.f3 Nd7 53.Nf4+ Kf6 54.Ne6 Ne5

55.Ke3 Nc4+ 56.Kd3 Nb6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.07
(flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)

57.Kd4

1/2-1/2

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A58

□ Lenya228_BOT

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Blitz

19.08.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A58: Benko/Volga Gambit:
Lines with 5 bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6

5.bxa6 e6 6.Nc3 exd5 7.Nxd5 Be7

8.Nf3 White is slightly better. 8...0-0

[8...Nxd5 9.Qxd5 Rxa6 10.e4

(10.e3 Nc6 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Bxa6

Bxa6 13.Qxe5 0-0 14.f3 d5 15.Kf2

Bd6 16.Qh5 g6 17.Qh6 Re8 18.g3

Re5 19.Qh4 Qe8 20.a4 Rh5 21.Qf6

Rf5 22.Qh4 Qe6 23.a5 Rxf3+

24.Kxf3 Qf5+ 0-1 (32) Gordon,F

(2338)-Lagarde,M (2640) Hastings

Masters op 97th 2023 (2) 10...Rd6

11.Qb3 Rb6 12.Qc2 0-0 13.Bc4

Nc6 14.0-0 Bb7 15.Bf4 Nb4 16.Qe2

d5 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Bg3 Bf6

19.Rab1 Qa8 20.Rfd1 Re8 21.Qf1

h6 22.Rd2 Nb4 23.a3 0-1 (38)

Parligras,M (2645)-Nisipeanu,L

(2674) Bucharest Kings blitz 12th

2018 (11)]

9.Nxe7+! Qxe7 10.e3 Ne4N

[10...Rxa6 11.Qb3 (11.Bxa6 Bxa6

12.Ng1 d5 13.Ne2 d4 14.0-0 Rd8

15.e4 Qxe4 16.Ng3 Qd5 17.Re1

Nc6 18.Bf4 h6 19.Qb3 c4 20.Qb6

Bc8 21.a4 Be6 22.Qb5 d3 23.Qxd5

Nxd5 24.Bd2 Rb8 25.Rab1 Nd4

(30) Chapter Ba6-E6 Modern Line;

11.Be2 Rd6 12.Qc2 Ne4 13.0-0

Bb7 14.Ne1 Rh6 15.f3 Qh4 16.fxe4

Qxh2+ 17.Kf2 Qh4+ 18.Kg1 Qh2+

19.Kf2 Qh4+ 1/2-1/2 Kowalski,I (2319)-

Niedbala,B (2418) Ustron op-A 2022

(9)) 11...Nc6 12.Be2 d5 13.0-0 Ne4

14.Bxa6 Bxa6 15.Rd1 Be2 16.Rxd5

Qf6 17.Bd2 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Qxf3

19.Be1 Qg4+ 20.Kf1 Ne7 21.Re5

Ng6 22.Rxe4 Qxe4 1) Benko Gambit

Fully Accepted-5...e6 6.Nc3 exd5 7.

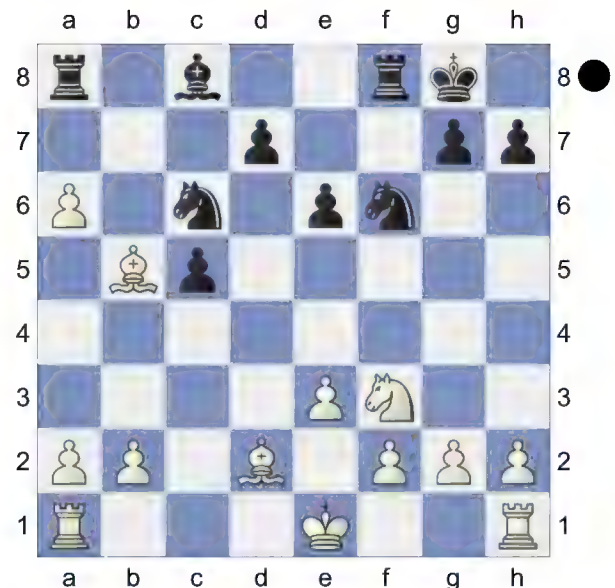
Nxd5 Be7]

11.Qd5 Nc6! 12.Bd2!

[12.Bd3 Nf6 13.Qb3 d5=]

12...Qe6 13.Qxe6 fxe6 14.Bd3 Nf6

15.Bb5



Ne4! 16.Bd3 -0.01/19

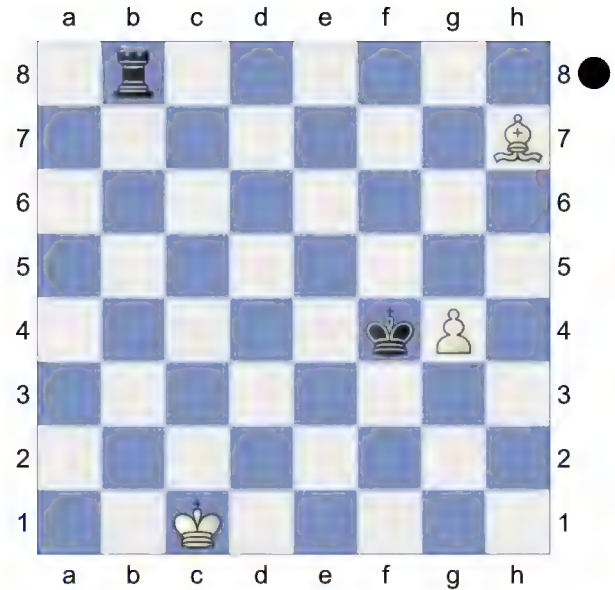
[16.a7± 0.51/18]

16...Nf6!= 17.Bc2 Bxa6 18.h4 Rfb8

19.b3 e5 20.Ng5! aiming for Ne4.

20...Nb4 21.Bxb4 Rxb4 22.f3 d5
 Prevents Ne4 23.a3 Rb6 24.Kd2 Rab8
 25.Rhd1 Kf8 26.Nh3
 [26.Bxh7? Nxh7 27.Nxh7+ Kg8-+]
 26...Rd8 27.Nf2 Ke7 28.Re1 e4
 0.70/17
 [28...Kd6= 0.26/16]
 29.Rab1 0.25/18
 [Better is 29.Rad1± 0.70/17]
 29...h6 0.65/16
 [29...Nd7= 0.25/18
 is more appropriate.]
 30.Rbd1 0.05/16
 [30.Rg1± 0.65/16]
 30...Nd7! 31.fxe4 d4 32.exd4 cxd4
 33.Bd3 Rf8 34.Bxa6
 [34.Ke2!?]
 34...Rxf2+ 35.Re2 Rxe2+ 36.Bxe2
 Rxb3 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a
 pawn up. 37.Ke1 Rxa3 38.Rxd4 g5
 39.hxg5 hxg5 40.Rc4 Nf6 41.e5 Nd7
 42.Rg4 Nxe5 43.Rxg5 Kf6 44.Rxe5
 Kxe5 KR-KB 45.Bc4 Ke4 46.Bg8 Ra4
 47.Kd1 Rd4+ 48.Kc2 Ke3 49.Ba2
 Rb4 50.Bb3 Rb6
 [50...Rxb3!? 51.Kxb3 Kf4=]
 51.Ba2 Rb5 52.Kd1 Re5 53.g3 Re8
 54.g4 Kf4 55.Bb3 Rc8 56.Bc2 Rg8
 57.Kc1 Rb8 58.Bh7

(Diagram)



Rb1+ 0.22/68 59.Bxb1 White wants to mate with Bf5.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.08 (flawless)

59...Kxg4
½-½

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□ YoBot_v2	2946
■ HikaruEXP	2945
Rapid	19.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]	

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5 bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
 5.bxa6 e6! 6.Nc3 exd5 7.Nxd5 Be7
 8.Nxe7 White is slightly better. 8...Qxe7
 9.Bf4

[9.Nf3 Bxa6 10.Bf4 d5 11.Qa4+
 Nbd7 12.e3 c4 13.Be2 0-0 14.0-0
 Nc5 15.Qc2 Nfe4 16.b3 Nd3
 17.Bxd3 cxd3 18.Qb2 g5 19.Bg3
 Rac8 20.Rfc1 h5 21.Nd4 d2
 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Rd1 Qc5
 0-1 (28) Chasin,N (2303)-Bernadskiy,
 V (2629) PNWCC Online Masters

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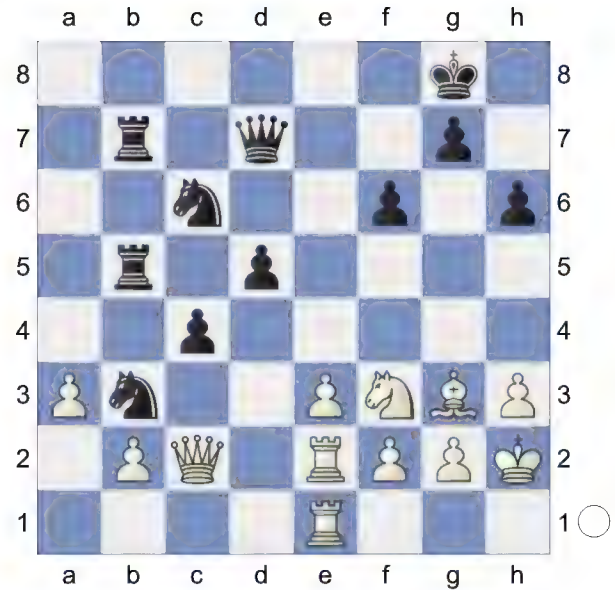
[9.e3 d5 10.Nf3 0-0 11.Be2 Bxa6
12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.0-0 Rfd8 14.b3
Ne4 15.Bb2 Nb4 16.a3 Nc6 17.Rc1
Rab8 18.b4 Na7 19.Be5 Rbc8
20.bxc5 Nxc5 21.Bd4 Nb5 22.a4
Nxd4 23.exd4 Ne4 1-0 (37) Kocharin,
T (2266)-Deveci,H (2225) Titled
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9...d5! 10.e3 0-0 11.Nf3 h6N

[11...Rd8 12.Be2 Bxa6 13.Bxa6
(13.0-0 Nc6 14.Bxa6 Rxa6 15.a3
h6 1) Benko Gambit Fully Accepte-5...
e6 6.Nc3 exd5 7.Nxd5 Be7) 13...Rxa6
14.Qe2 Re6 15.0-0 Ne4 16.Bxb8
Rxb8 17.Rfe1 Rh6 18.h3 Qe6 19.a4
Rg6 20.Kh2 Rf6 21.a5 Ra8 22.Rf1
g5 23.Ne1 c4 24.Kg1 h5 25.Nf3 g4
26.Nd4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (32) Susla,V (2350)-
Nichols,S (2408) ST-2020-0-00152]

12.h3 Rd8 13.Be2 Bxa6 14.0-0 Nc6
Repels Ne5 15.a3 Ne4 16.Rc1 Bxe2
17.Qxe2 c4 18.Qc2 Nc5 19.Rfd1 Nb3
20.Rb1 Qe6 21.Re1 Rd7 22.Rbd1
Rb7 23.Re2 Re8 The position is equal.
24.Ree1 Ree7 25.Kh2 Rb6 26.Qc3
Rb5 27.Qc2 Rb6 28.Bg3 Reb7
29.Re2 Re7 30.Rde1 Reb7 31.Rd1
Re7 32.Ree1 Reb7 33.Rb1 Rb5
34.Re2 f6 35.Rbe1 Qd7

(Diagram)



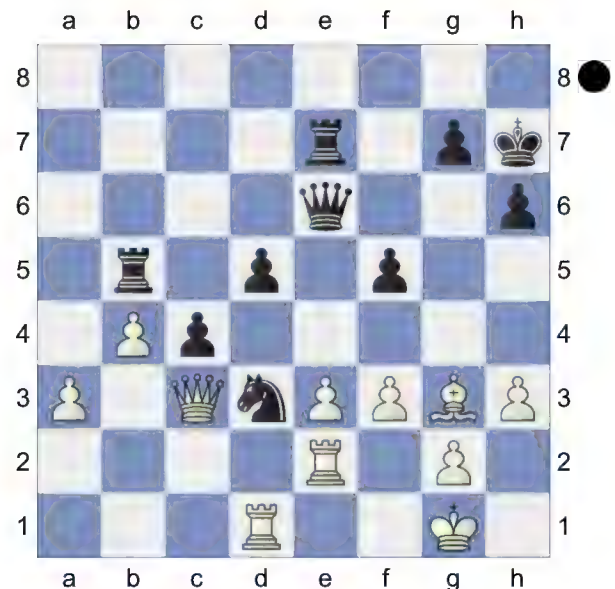
36.Nd4! R5b6

[36...Nbxd4?! 37.exd4 Kf7
(37...Nxd4 38.Re8+ Kf7 39.Qh7±)
38.Qh7 (38.Qc3 Rb3±) 38...Nxd4
39.Re8±]

37.Nf3 Rb5 38.Nd4 R5b6

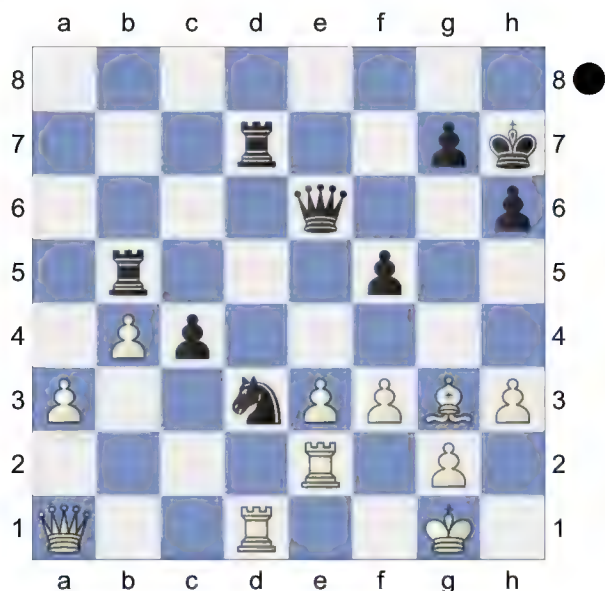
[38...Nbxd4?! 39.exd4 f5 (39...Nxd4
40.Re8+ Kf7 41.Qh7±) 40.Qc1±]

39.Nf5 Qe6 40.Rd1 Ne7 41.Nxe7+
Rxe7 42.Ree1 f5 43.f3 Rb5 44.Qc3
Kh7 45.Bh4 Reb7 46.Bg3 Re7
47.Kg1 Nc5 48.Re2 Nd3 49.b4

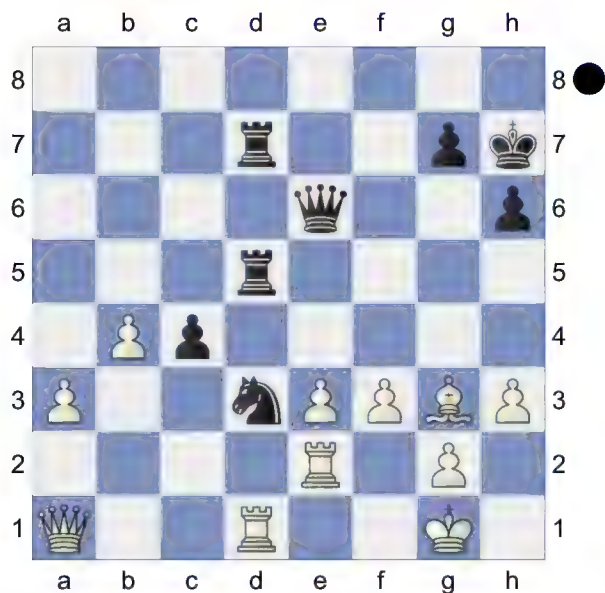


d4! 50.Qxd4

[50.exd4? Qxe2 51.Rd2 Qe3+
52.Kh2 f4-+]
50...Rd7 51.Qa1



f4!? Black is not keeping still **52.Bxf4**
Rbd5! White must now prevent ...Nxf4.
53.Bg3



Nf4! Discovered Attack 54.Ree1
[54.exf4? Rxd1+ 55.Kh2 Qxe2-+]
[54.Qb1+? Kh8 55.Ree1 (55.exf4?
Rxd1+ 56.Kh2 Qxe2-+) 55...Ne2+
56.Kh2 (56.Rxe2? Rxd1+-+)
56...Rxd1 57.Rxd1 Nc3-+]
54...Nd3 55.Re2 Kh2 would now be

deadly. 55...Nf4! Discovered Attack
56.Ree1

[56.exf4? too greedy. Rxd1+ 57.Kh2
Qxe2-+]
[But not 56.Qb1+? Kh8 57.Ree1
(57.exf4? Rxd1+ 58.Kh2 Qxe2-+)
57...Ne2+ 58.Kh2 (58.Rxe2?
Rxd1+-+) 58...Rxd1 59.Rxd1 Nc3-+]

56...Nd3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04
(flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)

57.Re2 Normal
1/2-1/2

20 **A58**
torbot **2937**
HikaruEXP **2946**
Rapid 09.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

**A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5
bxa6**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 e6 6.Nc3 exd5! 7.Nxd5 Be7
8.Nxe7 White is slightly better. 8...Qxe7
9.Bf4

[9.Nf3 Bxa6 10.Bf4 d5 11.Qa4+
Nbd7 12.e3 c4 13.Be2 0-0 14.0-0
Nc5 15.Qc2 Nfe4 16.b3 Nd3
17.Bxd3 cxd3 18.Qb2 g5 19.Bg3
Rac8 20.Rfc1 h5 21.Nd4 d2
22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Rd1 Qc5
0-1 (28) Chasin,N (2303)-Bernadskiy,
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[9.e3 d5 10.Nf3 0-0 11.Be2 Bxa6
12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.0-0 Rfd8 14.b3
Ne4 15.Bb2 Nb4 16.a3 Nc6 17.Rc1
Rab8 18.b4 Na7 19.Be5 Rbc8
20.bxc5 Nxc5 21.Bd4 Nb5 22.a4
Nxd4 23.exd4 Ne4 1-0 (37) Kocharin,
T (2266)-Deveci,H (2225) Titled

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9...d5 10.e3 0-0 11.Nf3 h6N

[11...Rd8 12.Be2 Bxa6 13.Bxa6 (13.0-0 Nc6 14.Bxa6 Rxa6 15.a3 h6 1) Benko Gambit Fully Accepte-5... e6 6.Nc3 exd5 7.Nxd5 Be7) 13...Rxa6 14.Qe2 Re6 15.0-0 Ne4 16.Bxb8 Rxb8 17.Rfe1 Rh6 18.h3 Qe6 19.a4 Rg6 20.Kh2 Rf6 21.a5 Ra8 22.Rf1 g5 23.Ne1 c4 24.Kg1 h5 25.Nf3 g4 26.Nd4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (32) Susla,V (2350)-Nichols,S (2408) ST-2020-0-00152]

12.a3 Rd8 13.Rc1 c4 14.Be2 Nc6 15.0-0 Rxa6 16.h3 0.17/20

[16.Nd4± 0.72/21]

16...Ne4 17.Nd2 Ng5 18.Re1 Bf5 0.52/21

[18...Qf6= 0.15/21]

19.Bg3 Rb6 20.b4 cxb3! 21.Nxb3 Ne4 Dodges Nc5

[Of course not 21...Qxa3 22.Nc5 Qa7 23.Qa4 Qxa4 24.Nxa4±]

22.Nd4 Nxd4 23.Qxd4 Rb7 24.Bf4 This pair of bishops is nice. 24...Qxa3 25.f3 Ng5 26.Qe5 Bg6 27.Bxg5 hxg5 28.Qxg5 Re8 29.Bf1 Rb3 30.Ra1 Qc5 31.Rad1 Rbxe3 32.Rxd5

[32.Qxd5? is the wrong capture. Qxd5 (32...Rxe1+ 33.Qxc5 Rxd1 34.Kf2=) 33.Rxd5 Rxe1-+]

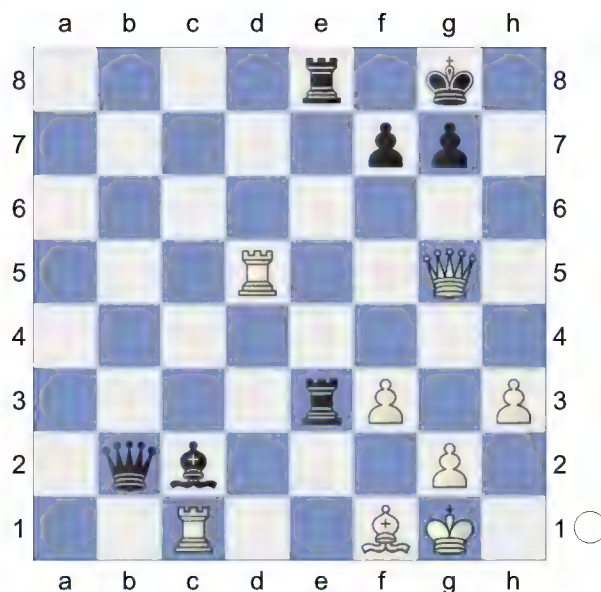
[32.Rxe3 Qxe3+ 33.Qxe3 Rxe3 34.Rxd5 Rc3 35.h4]

32...Qc3 33.Red1

[33.Rxe3 simplifies Qxe3+ 34.Qxe3 Rxe3 35.Rd8+]

33...Bc2 The position is equal. 34.Rc1 Qb2

(Diagram)



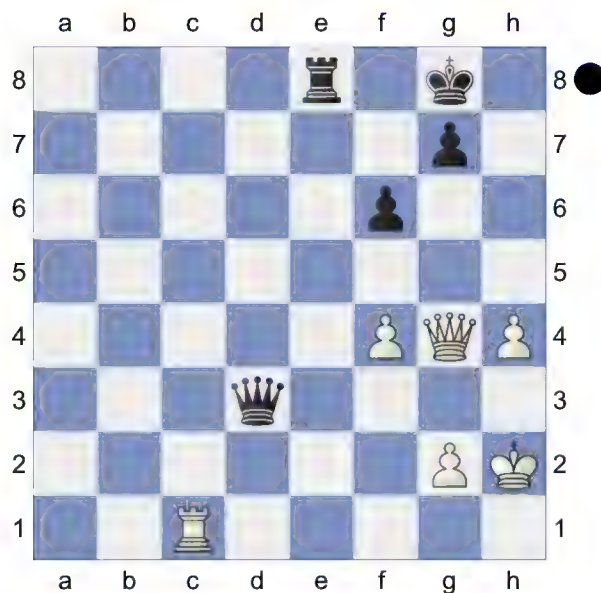
35.Rd8! Qb6

[35...g6 36.Kh1]

36.Rxe8+ Rxe8+ 37.Kh2 Bd3 Decoy

38.Bxd3 Qd6+ 39.f4 Qxd3=

Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn up. 40.h4 f6 41.Qg4



and Rc7 would now be decisive 41...Qe2 42.Qxe2 Rxe2 KR-KR. White is a pawn up. 43.f5 Ra2 44.Rc8+ Kh7 45.Rc3 Kh6 46.Kh3 Ra1 47.Rc4 Rh1+ 48.Kg3 Rf1 49.Rc5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)

49...Rh1 Normal $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ **21****A58**

□ Ilikeknightmost

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Blitz

28.02.2025

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min **A58: Benko/Volga Gambit:**
Lines with 5 bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 e6 6.Nc3 exd5! 7.Nxd5 Nxa6
8.Bg5 White is better. 8...Rb8

[8...Be7 9.Nxe7 Qxe7 10.e3
 (10.Nf3 Rb8 11.b3 h6 12.Bh4 Rb6
 13.e3 Bb7 14.Be2 g5 15.Bg3 h5
 16.Nxg5 h4 17.Bf4 Nd5 18.0-0 Rg8
 19.Nf3 Nc3 20.Qc2 Nxe2+ 21.Qxe2
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2024) 10...Rb8 11.Rb1 h6 12.Bf4
 Rb6 13.Nf3 Bb7 14.a3 g5 15.Bg3
 Ne4 16.Nd2 h5 17.f3 Nxg3 18.hxg3
 Qxe3+ 19.Qe2 Qxe2+ 20.Bxe2 d5
 21.Kf2 c4 22.Rhc1 Nc5 23.b3
 0-1 (47) Mok,G (2200)-Villafane Roca,
 H (2487) Titled Tuesday intern op
 06th Dec Late blitz 2022 (7)]

9.Nxf6+N -0.01/18

[9.Nf3± 0.85/20]

[9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Qd2 Nb4 11.Qe3+
 Qe7 12.Nxe7 Nc2+ 13.Kd2 Nxe3
 14.Nxc8 Nxf1+ 15.Kc3 Nd2 16.Kxd2
 Rxb2+ 17.Kc1 Rb8 18.e3 Rxc8
 19.Ne2 Bd6 20.Rd1 Ke7 21.Nc3
 Be5 22.Nd5+ Ke6 23.Rb1 Rc6
 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (30) Neumann,A (2319)-Urquhart,
 J (2360) Deutschland 75/404 1999
 24.f4 Bd4 25.Rb5 Kxd5 26.exd4
 Rhc8 27.Kb2 Ke4 28.dxc5 Rxc5
 29.Rxc5 Rxc5 30.Rxd7 Rb5+
 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ Mislin,R (2319)-Bellmann,H

(2360) corr 23439 freechess.de 2008]

9...gxf6= 10.Bc1 c4! 11.Nf3 Qa5+
1.08/20

[11...Bb4+= 0.01/19 remains equal.
 12.Bd2 Nc5]

12.Bd2± Bb4 13.e4 -0.01/19

[13.a3± 0.94/21 Bxd2+ 14.Qxd2]

13...Nc5!= 14.Bxc4 -1.06/23

[14.a3= 0.06/20 c3 15.bxc3
 (15.axb4 cxd2+ 16.Nxd2 Qxb4=)
 15...Bxc3 16.Rc1 Bxd2+ 17.Nxd2
 (17.Qxd2 Qxa3 18.Bc4 Rg8=)]

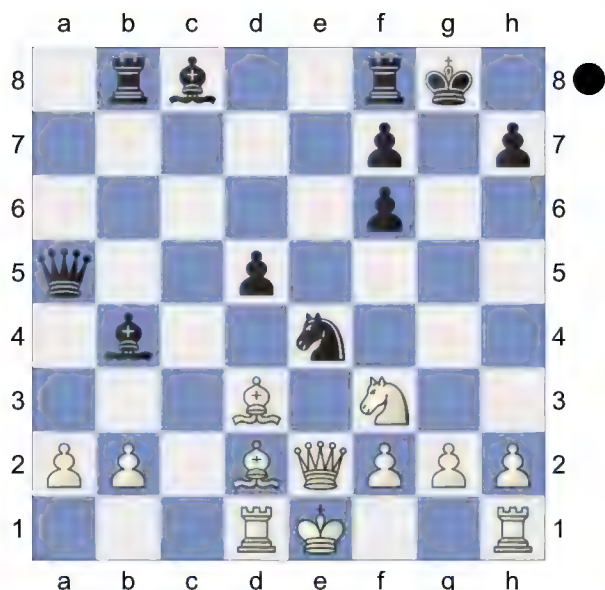
14...Nxe4 15.Qe2 d5 16.Bd3

Strongly threatening 0-0!. 16...0-0!
This move loses the game for White.

17.Rd1 -3.84/23

[17.Bxb4! 0.70/20 Qxb4+ 18.Kf1
 Qxb2 19.Re1]

(Diagram)



17...Bg4!-+

[17...Qxa2 18.0-0 Nxd2 19.Nxd2=]
[17...Bxd2+ 18.Nxd2 Rxb2 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.0-0-]

18.0-0 -4.95/20

[18.Bxb4 -3.15/21 was necessary.
Qxb4+ 19.Kf1]

18...Nxd2 Pin

[18...Qxa2 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Qxe4=]

19.Qe3 Nxf3+

[19...Nxf1 20.Qh6]
[19...Qxa2 20.Nxd2 Bh5 (20...Qxb2 21.Qg3±; 20...Bxd1 21.Qh6 f5 22.Bxf5 Rfc8 23.Bxh7+ Kh8 24.Bg6+ Discovered Attack (Check) Kg8 25.Qh7+ Kf8 26.Qxf7#) 21.Qg3+ Bg6 22.Nf3±]

20.gxf3 Bh5 21.Qh6 Bg6

[Inferior is 21...Bxf3 22.Qxh7#]

22.f4 f5

[22...Qxa2 23.f5 Rb7 24.fxg6 fxg6 (24...Qxb2 25.Qxh7#) 25.Qh3-]

23.h4 Kh8

[23...Qxa2? 24.h5-+]

24.Kh2 Rg8 aiming for ...f6!.

[Weaker is 24...Qxa2 25.h5 Be7 (25...Qxb2? 26.hxg6 fxg6 27.Kg2-+) 26.hxg6 fxg6 (26...Qxb2 27.Qxh7#)

27.Rde1-]

25.h5 Qb6 26.Rg1 Qxf2+ Black mates. 27.Rg2 Qh4+ 28.Kg1 Bc5+ 29.Kf1

Weighted Error Value: White=1.12/ Black=0.35

29...Qh1+ 0-1

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Blitz 3min A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nf3 g6 5.e3

[5.d6 b4 6.Bf4 Nc6 7.e3 Bg7 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 Re8 10.Nbd2 exd6 11.Bxd6 Qb6 12.Bg3 d6 13.Rd1 Bf5 14.Bd3 Nd4 15.Qb1 d5 16.Bxf5 Nxf5 17.0-0 Nxc3 18.hxc3 Qa6 19.Qc2 Rad8 0-1 (29) Skembris,S (2443)-Pelletier,Y (2604) Athens Acropolis op 2005 (4)]

5...Bg7 0.56/22

[5...b4= 0.05/24 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nbd2 e6 9.e4 d6 10.Ne1 exd5 11.cxd5 Re8 12.f3 Nh5 13.Nc4 Ba6 14.Rb1 Bxc4 15.Bxc4 Bd4+ 16.Kh1 Qh4 0-1 Templier,B (1688)-Henry,F (1908) Sautron op 15th 2015 (2.39)]

6.a3N -0.04/22

[6.cxb5± 0.56/22 0-0 7.Nc3]
[6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 Bb7 8.a4 bxc4 9.Nc3 Na6 10.Bxc4 Nb4 11.e4 e6 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bf4 exd5 14.exd5 d6 15.Qd2 g5 16.Bg3 Nh5 17.Rae1 Nxc3 18.fxc3 Qd7 19.Ne4 Rad8 20.Nfxg5 f5 1-0 (32) Parascandolo,A

(1953)-Berg, G (2030) Nassau-ch
 2009 (2) 21.Ne6 fxe4 22.Rxf8+ Rxf8
 23.Nxf8 Bxf8 24.Rxe4 Qxa4
 25.Rg4+ Bg7 26.h3 Bc8 27.Rg6 Bf5
 28.Rxd6 Qa1+ 29.Kh2 Qxb2 30.Qf4
 Qe5 31.Rd8+ Kh7 32.d6 Nc6
 1-0 Liu, K (1953)-Chapter A Gruenfeld
 Appro (2030) 2002 Brantford (2)]

6...0-0 0.38/21

[6...bxc4= -0.04/22 7.Bxc4 0-0]

7.Nc3 -0.53/24

[7.cxb5± 0.38/21 Bb7 8.Nc3]

7...a6 0.38/22

[7...b4⚡ -0.53/24 8.Nb1 a5]

8.Bd2 -0.05/22

[8.cxb5± 0.38/22 Bb7 9.a4]

8...d6 9.Be2 -0.21/21

[⚡9.cxb5 0.30/21 e6 10.dxe6]

9...Nbd7 0.36/23

[Black should play 9...bxc4= -0.21/21
 10.Bxc4 Bg4]

10.b3 -0.53/21

[10.cxb5± 0.36/23 axb5 11.Bxb5]

10...b4 0.01/22

[10...Nb6⚡ -0.53/21]

11.axb4= cxb4 12.Na2 Ne4 13.Nxb4!
Nxd2 14.Nxd2 next Nc6 is good for
 White. **14...Bxa1 15.Nc6! Qe8**

16.Qxa1 Nb8 1.25/22

[16...Bb7= 0.01/21 keeps the
 balance.]

17.Na5± e5? 2.65/22

[17...Nd7± 1.03/21]

18.Ne4 Qd8 4.70/20 Inhibits Nf6+.

[18...Qe7 1.68/21 19.Qa3 Rd8]

19.Qa3+- f5 20.Nxd6 f4 21.Nxc8

[21.c5 fxe3 22.fxe3 Bg4+-]

21...Qxc8 Black is weak on the light
 squares **22.0-0 Nd7?** 6.30/19

[22...fxe3 3.77/20 23.fxe3 Rxf1+
 24.Bxf1 Qf5]

23.Bg4 fxe3 24.Nc6 Strongly
 threatening Ne7+.

[24.fxe3 Qd8+-]

24...exf2+ 4.22/25

[⚡24...Qb7 2.93/23 25.Qe7 (25.fxe3
 Rxf1+ 26.Kxf1 Re8+-; 25.Be6+
 Kh8+-) 25...e2 26.Bxe2 (26.Qxd7?
 exf1Q+ 27.Kxf1 Qxb3+-) 26...Rae8]

25.Rxf2 Qb7? 8.23/24

[25...Qc7 3.52/25 26.Rxf8+ Nxf8]

26.Rxf8+? 1.10/22

[26.Be6+- 8.23/24 is more deadly.
 Kh8 27.Nxe5]

26...Rxf8?? 8.92/25

[26...Nxf8± 1.10/22 27.c5 (27.Nxe5
 Qa7+ 28.c5 Qe7⚡) 27...e4]

27.h3?? -5.80/23

[27.Be6+- 8.92/25 was the only
 winning move. Kh8 28.Bxd7 Qb6+
 29.c5]

27...Qb6+- 28.Kh2



Qe3! -0.01/31 **29.Qb2?** -19.08/27

[29.Bxd7 Qf4+ 30.Kg1 Qf1+ 31.Kh2
 Rf2 32.Be6+ Kh8]

[29.Qd6= -0.01/31]

[29.Qe7 Rf1]

(Diagram)



29...Rf1! 30.Be6+

[30.Qe2 Qf4+]

30...Kh8 (-> ...Qe1!) 31.Bxd7 Qf4+

32.g3 Rf2+ 33.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 34.Kh1

Qxg3 -10.10/21

[Δ34...e4 -25.69/25 35.Ne5 Qxg3]

35.d6 Qf3+ 36.Kg1 Qd1+ 37.Kh2

Qxd6 (-> ...e4+) 38.Be8 e4+ 39.Kg2

e3 40.Kf3 Qf8+ -18.19/26

[Δ40...Qd2 -#15/27 41.Nd4 Qxd4

42.c5 Qd2 (42...Qxc5? 43.Bf7-+)

43.Bb5 axb5 44.c6 Qf2+ 45.Ke4 e2

46.Kd5 Qf5+ (46...e1B? 47.c7-+)

47.Kd6 e1Q (47...e1B? 48.c7-+)

48.Kc7 Qa5+ (48...Qxh3

gets mated. 49.Kd6 Qhe6+ 50.Kc7

Qa5+ 51.Kb7 Qf7+ 52.Kc8 Qfc7#)

49.Kb7 Qf7+ 50.Kc8 Qfc7#]

41.Ke2 Qxe8 -13.42/24

[Δ41...Qf2+ -#9/20 42.Kd3 e2

43.Ne7 e1Q (43...e1B? 44.Bxg6

Qg3+ 45.Ke2-+) 44.Nxg6+ hxg6

45.c5 Qf5+ 46.Kd4 Qfe4#]

42.Nd4 Qe4 43.Nf3 Qc2+ 44.Kxe3

Qxb3+ 45.Kd4 Qxf3 Black mates.

46.h4 Qa8 47.h5 a5 48.Kc5 a4 49.h6

a3 50.Kd6 a2 51.c5 a1Q 52.c6 Qf6+

53.Kd7 What a bad dream for White.

Weighted Error Value: White=1.45/
Black=1.29

53...Qaxc6#

0-1

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A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

49/87 Hertneck, Gerald: 'Fedorowicz,

John: 'Fedorowicz, J: '49/87 "' 1.d4 Nf6

2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.e3 g6

6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.a4 Bb7 9.Ra3

e6

[9...axb5 10.Bxb5 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6

12.Qd6 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Qc8 14.0-0

Ne8 15.Qg3 Nc6 16.Ne4 Ne5 17.f4

Nf7 18.Ng5 d5 19.e4 Ned6 20.exd5

exd5 21.Qd3 Nxg5 22.fxc5 Bd4

23.Kg2 Qg4+ 24.Qg3 0-1 (55)

Petursson, M (2555)-Fedorowicz, J

(2560) Reykjavik 1990]

10.e4 -0.03/18

[White should try 10.d6± 0.67/18 Nd5

11.h4 axb5 12.Bxb5 Qb6 13.0-0 f5

14.Bc4 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Ba6 16.Rb3

Qa5 17.Bb5 c4 18.Rb4 Nc6

19.Bxc6 dxc6 20.Nd4 Qd5 21.Rb6

Qxd6 22.Rxc6 Qd7 23.Ba3 Rfe8

24.Rd6 Qf7 25.Nf3 1-0 (28)

Quintiliano Pinto, R (2515)-Garzon

Zapatanga, C (2255) Cusco zt 2.4

2025 (6)]

10...axb5N 0.89/20

[10...exd5= -0.03/18 11.exd5 axb5

(11...Re8+ 12.Be2 axb5 13.axb5

Rxa3 14.bxa3 Qa5 15.Qd2 Nh5

16.Nd1 Rxe2+ 17.Kxe2 Qxb5+

31. Benko Gambit Accepted: Ma-

Benko Gambit Accepted Mainlin]]

11.Bxb5± Black must now prevent 0-0.

11...exd5 White is slightly better.

12.exd5 Re8+ 13.Be3 -0.01/18

[13.Be2± 0.94/21]

13...Ng4= 14.0-0 Rxe3 15.fxe3 Nxe3

16.Qb3 Nxf1 17.Bxf1 Ba6 18.d6

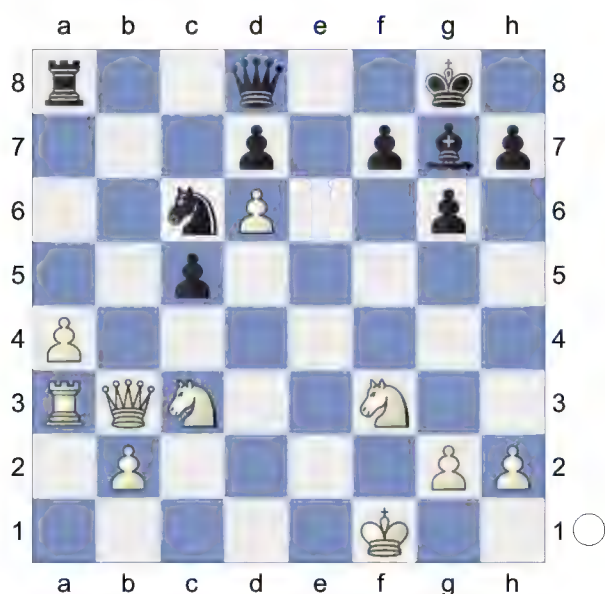
-0.72/21

[18.a5= -0.01/18]

18...Bxf1 -0.32/20

[18...Nc6± -0.72/21 19.Nb5 Qf6]

19.Kxf1± Nc6



20.Qd5 -2.23/19

[20.Nd5= -0.19/20 and White has nothing to worry.]

20...Rb8? -0.22/21

[Better is 20...Qa5+ -2.23/19
And now ...Qa6+ would win. 21.Ng5 Rf8]

21.Rb3 -0.97/21

[21.Qxc5= -0.22/21 keeps the balance. Qf6 (21...Rxb2 22.Nb5=) 22.b4]

White is now going downhill. **21...Rb4**

[21...Rxb3 simplifies 22.Qxb3 Qf6 23.Qd5 Qf4]

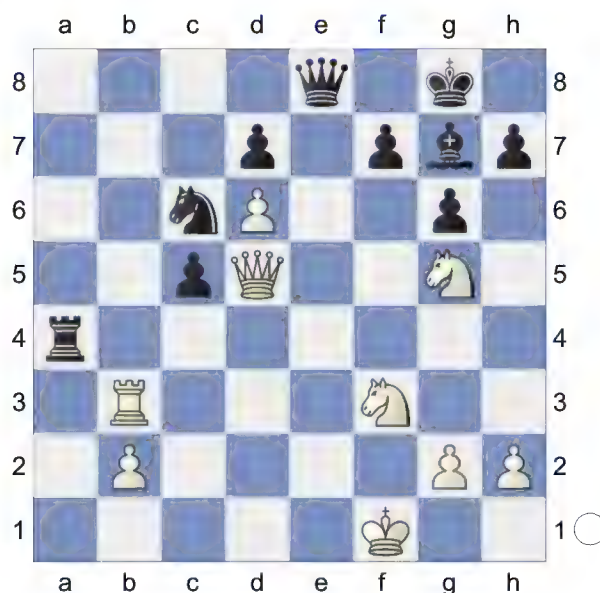
22.Ne4 -1.19/22

[22.Rxb4± -0.62/20 cxb4 23.Nd1]

22...Rxa4± 23.Neg5? -5.14/19

[23.Ra3± -0.73/20 Rxa3 24.bxa3]

23...Qe8



24.Kf2 -5.29/20

[24.Ra3 -3.71/19 is a better defense.
Rb4 25.Ra1]

24...Rb4 25.h4? -8.06/23

[25.Rxb4 -2.82/19 Nxb4 26.Qc4]

25...h6

[25...Bxb2? 26.Re3 Qf8 27.Ne4+]

26.Nh3 Rxb3 27.Qxb3 Nd4

[27...Qe4? 28.Kg1+]

28.Qd3 Inhibits Qe2+. 28...Nxf3 29.gxf3

Bxb2+ Endgame KQB-KQN. Black is

two pawns up. 30.Nf4 Bd4+ 31.Kg2

Qe5 32.Ne2 Qxd6 33.Qe4 Kg7

34.Ng3 Qe5 35.Qd3 d5 36.Ne2 Qe3

37.Qxe3 Bxe3 KB-KN. Black is 3 pawns

up. 38.Nc3 d4 39.Ne4 c4 40.Kf1 c3

(-> ...c2) 41.Nc5 c2 42.Nd3 c1Q+

Black mates. 43.Nxc1 Bxc1 KB-KPP

44.Ke2 Be3 45.Kd3 h5 46.Ke4 g5

47.hxg5 h4 48.f4 h3 49.Kf3 h2

50.Kg2

Weighted Error Value: White=1.46/

Black=0.55

50...Bxf4 Normal

0-1

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 ☐ **Topalov, Veselin** **2780**
 ■ **Kramnik, Vladimir** **2795**
 Corus Wijk aan Zee (9) 22.01.2008
 [Krasenkow, Michal, TA]

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5 bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.Nf3 d6 8.g3 Bg7 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.Rb1 Qa5 11.Bd2
 [11.0-0 Nb6 12.a3 Nc4 13.b4 Qc7 14.Qa4+ Nd7 15.Nb5 Qb8 16.bxc5 Bxb5 17.Qxb5 Qxb5 18.Rxb5 Nxc5 19.Nd2 Nxa3 20.Bxa3 Rxa3 21.Ne4]

11...Nb6
 [11...0-0 12.0-0 Rfb8 13.b3 (13.Qc2 Nb6 14.b3 Qa3) 13...Qa3 14.Qc2 (14.Ne1) 14...Nb6]

12.b3!?N With this sacrifice (apparently prepared long ago) Veselin Topalov opens up a new chapter in the theory of the Moscow Gambit! **12...Qa3**

[12...Bb7 13.0-0 0-0 14.a4 Rad8 15.Qc2 Qa8 16.e4]
 [12...0-0 13.0-0 Rfb8 14.a4]

13.0-0
 [13.Bc1 Qb4 14.Bd2 Ne4 15.Nxe4 Qxe4 16.Nh4 Qd4]

13...0-0 The position is extremely complicated and needs detailed analysis. Particularly, I would consider giving the piece back at once: **14.Ne1!**

[14.Bc1 0.53/19 14.Ne1 1.11 Qa5 15.Bb2 Rab8 0.73/20 (15...Bb7= 0.28/21) 16.Re1 Nfd7 17.Rc1 0.46/19 (17.Qc2± 0.85/19) 17...Ne5 18.Ba1 Nxf3+ 0.98/20 (18...Rfc8= 0.14/17) 19.Bxf3 0.19/18 (19.exf3± 0.98/20 Rfe8 20.f4) 19...c4]

14...Bb7
 [14...Nfd7 1.51/17 14...Bb7 0.91

15.Nc2! Qa5 16.Qe1 Bb7 1.72/17
 (16...Rfb8± 1.28/18 17.a4 Nc8)
 17.a4+- Qa6± 18.Qd1 1.02/18
 (18.e4 1.54/17) 18...c4? 3.62/20
 (18...Rab8± 1.02/18) 19.Nb4+- Qa5
 20.Nc6 Bxc6 21.dxc6 Bxc3 22.b4!
 Qe5 23.cxd7]

15.Nc2 Qa6 1.71/18

[15...Qa7± 1.00/21]

16.e4+- White is clearly better. Black is a clear piece up but his position is not easy to play. His king is in jeopardy and the white d6 knight is extremely powerful. **16...Ne8 1.99/20**
 Of course, Black has a lot of defensive ideas which deserve attention, such as, e.g.,

[16...Nfd7± 1.35/18]

17.a4 Nc7? A very unfortunate move clarifying the position in White's favour.

18.Re1 Rae8N 3.06/18

[18...e6 2.39/18 18...Nd7 1.81 19.a5 (19.Ne3 exd5 20.Ncxd5 Ncxd5 21.exd5 Qd3 22.Rc1 Rfe8 23.Bc3 Qxd1 24.Rexd1 Bxc3 25.Rxc3 Ra5 26.Bf1 Ba6 27.Bxa6 Rxa6 28.f3 Rb8 29.Ra1 Kf8 30.Kf2 Ke7 31.g4 h6 32.h4 Kd7 33.f4 c4 34.a5 1-0 (37) Saphire, N (2544)-Campana, M (2148) 4NCL Birmingham ENG 2007 (6) cxb3 35.Rxb3 Rba8 36.Re1 Nc8 37.Rb7+ 0-1 Li, C (2634)-Berkes, F (2647) Lake Sevan Martuni 2009 (7)) 19...Nd7 (19...Qxa5? 4.86/19 19...Nd7 1.59 20.Ra1) 20.b4 cxb4 21.Nxb4 0.58/19 (White should try 21.Rxb4+- 1.90/16 Strongly threatening Na4. h5 22.Ne3) 21...Qxa5± 22.Nc6 0.11/20 (22.dxe6± 0.71/18 Nxe6 23.Nbd5 Bxd5 24.Nxd5) 22...Bxc6= (but something else should be looked for, say, 22...Qa6!? 6.20/17

22...Bxc6 0.07 23.Bf1!?) 23.dxc6
Bxc3 24.Bxc3 Qxc3+ 0-1 Timman,J-
Ljubojevic,L/Corus Honorary, Wijk aan
Zee NED 2008 (42) 25.Rc1!
now appears very strong Qe5
leads nowhere due to 26.cxd7]
[18...Nd7 1.81/21 19.h4 h5]

19.b4 Nd7 20.Nb5 White has
recaptured the piece while keeping up a
strong attack. **20...Rc8**

[20...Nxb5 21.axb5!? Qxb5? 4.88/19
(21...Qa4 2.73/18 22.bxc5 dxc5)
22.bxc5+- Qa6 23.c6]

21.Bh3! f5 22.Bg5 Ne5?! 5.56/18

[22...Bf6 3.36/17 was called for.
23.bxc5 Nxc5]

23.bxc5 Qxa4? 24.Nxc7 Rxc7 25.c6
Bc8 26.exf5 Rxf5 And now ...Nf3+
would win. **27.f4?**

[27.Bxf5 Bxf5 28.Rxe5 Bxe5+-]

27...Nc4 7.06/18

[27...Rxc7 4.93/18 28.Bxc8 Rxc8]

28.Rb4 Qa7+ 29.Kg2 Qc5? 7.64/22
It is very difficult to defend such a
position. Probably

[29...Nb2 4.80/17]

30.Rb8

[30.Rxe7 Rxe7 31.Bxe7 (31.Bxf5
Bxf5 32.Bxe7 Be4+ 33.Kh3 Qf2)
31...Nb2=]

[30.Bxe7 Rxd5 (30...Qxd5+?
31.Qxd5+ Rxd5 32.Rb8+-) 31.Bxc8
Rxc8+ (31...Rd2+? 32.Qxd2 Qxc6+
33.Kh3+-)]

30...Nb2 7.23/20

[30...Rf8 4.44/22]

31.Qf3! White now stops the b3-pawn
and his own central pawns decide the
game.

[31.Qd2 Bc3 32.Qe3 Qxd5+ 33.Qe4
(33.Kg1 Bxe1 34.Bxf5 gxf5=)
33...Qxe4+ 34.Rxe4 Rf8 35.Rxc8
(35.Rxe7? Bxh3+ Discovered Attack

36.Kxh3 Rxe7; 35.Bxc8 Rfxc8
36.Rxe7 Rxc6±) 35...Rfxc8±]

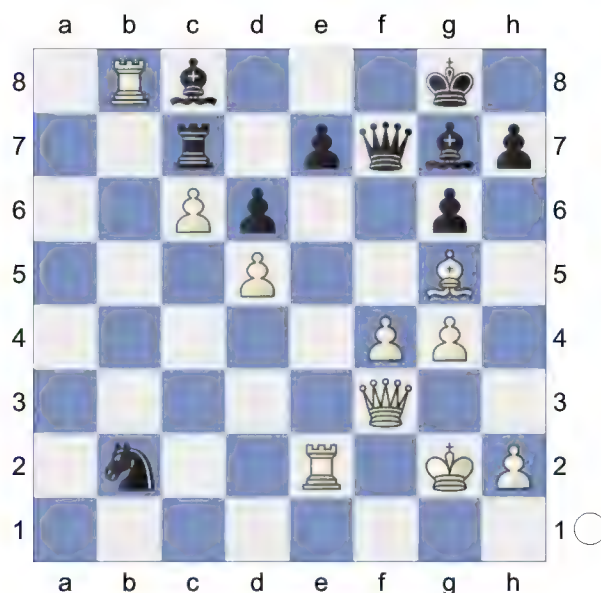
31...Qxc2+ 32.Re2 Qb1 33.Bxf5 Qxf5

34.g4 Active counter play!

[34.Rexb2 Qh3+ 35.Kh1 Bxb2
36.Rxb2 Ra7]

[34.Rxe7 Rxe7 35.Bxe7 Qc2+
36.Qf2 Qe4+ 37.Qf3 Qc2+ 38.Qf2
Qe4+ 39.Qf3 Qc2+=]

34...Qf7



35.Bxe7! Deflection 35...h5 36.Bxd6
hgx4 37.Qe4

[37.Qxg4 Qxd5+ 38.Qf3 Qxd6±]

37...Kh7 38.Bxc7

[38.Rexb2! Bxb2 39.Bxc7
was apparently winning at once.]

38...Bf5 39.Qe3? 0.63/23

[39.Rh8+]

[39.Qe7 Qxd5+ 40.Kg1 (40.Kg3?
-#3/8 40.Kg1 11.17 Qf3+) 40...Qd1+
41.Kf2 Qd4+? 42.Kg3! Qh4+ would
kill now. Qg1+ 43.Kh4]

[39.Qe7+- 12.78/24 Qxd5+ 40.Kg1
Qd4+ 41.Qe3 Qd1+ 42.Re1]

39...Qxd5+± White does not recover
from this. **40.Kg3? -3.89/23**

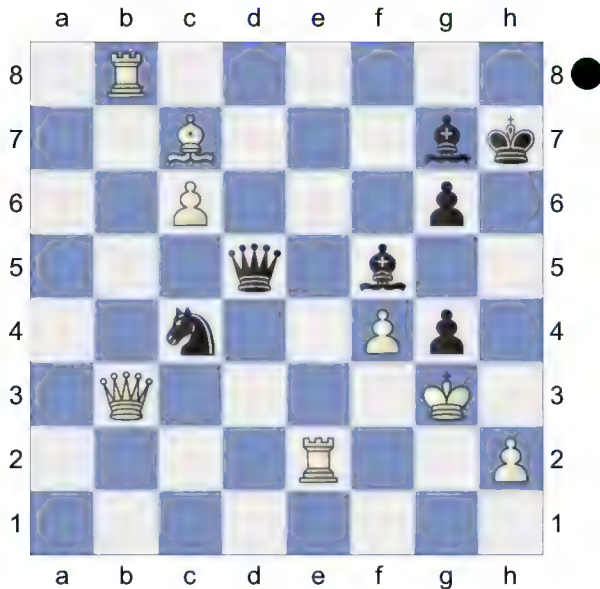
[40.Kg1! Bd4 Dodges Bb6 41.Rh8+!]

[40.Kg1!± 0.93/27 Bd4 Pin

(40...Qxc6? 41.Qe7+-) 41.Rh8+
Decoy Kxh8 (41...Bxh8 42.Be5±)
42.Be5+ Qxe5 43.fxe5 Bxe3+
44.Rxe3]

40...Nc4+ 41.Qf2 -9.28/21

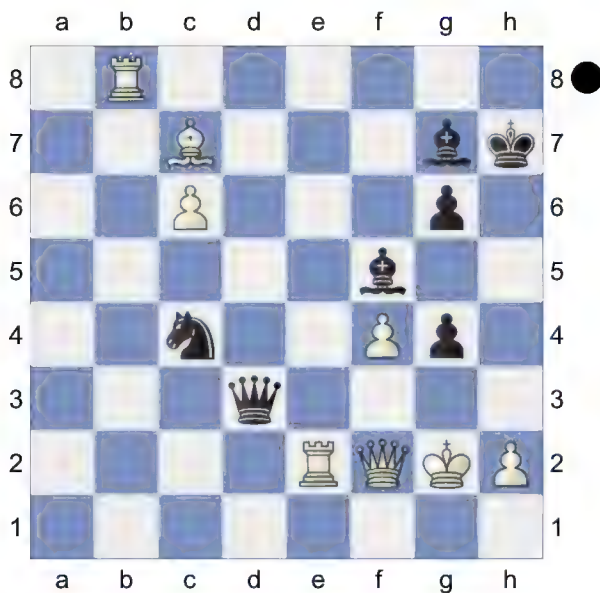
[41.Qb3? -5.25/25 41.Rd8 -2.66



Qh1! (-> ...Qg1+) 42.Be5]

[41.Rd8 -2.82/23 Qxc6 (41...Nxe3
42.Rxd5 Nxd5 43.Be5=) 42.Qf2
Qxc7 43.Rde8]

41...Qd3+ 42.Kg2



Be4+! 43.Rxe4 Qxe4+ 44.Kf1 Qd3+
45.Qe2 Nd2+! was the solution, e.g.

46.Ke1! Nf3+ 47.Kf1 Nxh2+ 48.Ke1
Bc3+! 49.Kf2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.77/
Black=0.83

49...g3+ Deflection. Loss on time!?
and the fight is in full swing.

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A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5
bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Qa5N 1.09/19

[6...Bg7± 0.67/21 is superior. 7.e4

(7.a7 Rxa7 8.e4 0-0 9.Nf3 e6

10.dxe6 dxe6 11.Qxd8 Rxd8 12.Bb5

Bb7 13.Nd2 Na6 14.f3 Nb4 15.0-0

Ne8 16.Nb3 Nc2 17.Rb1 Nd6

18.Rd1 Nd4 19.Be3 Rc8 20.Bd7

Rc7 21.Nxd4 cxd4 1-0 (29) Babula,V

(2594)-Ftacnik,L (2582) Slovensko 90/

420 2004) 7...0-0 8.Nf3 Qa5 9.Nd2

(9.Bd2 Bxa6 10.Be2 d6 11.0-0 Qb4

12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.Qc2 Rfb8 14.Rab1

Qb6 15.a3 Qb3 16.Qxb3 Rxb3

17.Bg5 h6 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Nd2

Rb7 20.Nc4 Nb8 Chapter-Benko

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1 - Benko Accepte 2023) 9...Bxa6

10.Be2 d6 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Bxa6

Nxa6 13.Nc4 Qb4 14.Qe2 Ne5

15.Nxe5 (15.Ne3 c4 White takes b5

and a6-White takes b5 and a6 #41)

15...Bxe5 16.Nd1 Nc7 17.Bd2 Qb5

18.Qe1 Rfb8 19.Bc3 Bxc3 20.Qxc3

Qa4 21.Qe3 Nb5 ½-½ (30) Soham,D

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7.Bd2 Bxa6 8.g3 White is better. 8...d6
9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.Nf3 Rb8 11.Rb1 Nb6
2.14/19

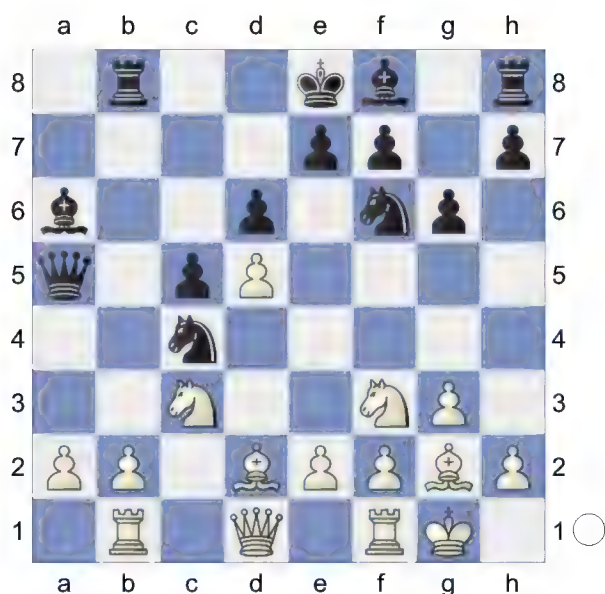
[Black should play 11...Bg7± 0.70/17]

12.0-0 0.67/20

[12.Ne4!+- 2.14/19 Qa4 13.Nxf6+
exf6 14.Qxa4+ Nxa4 15.0-0]

12...Nc4!±

[12...Bg7 13.a3±]



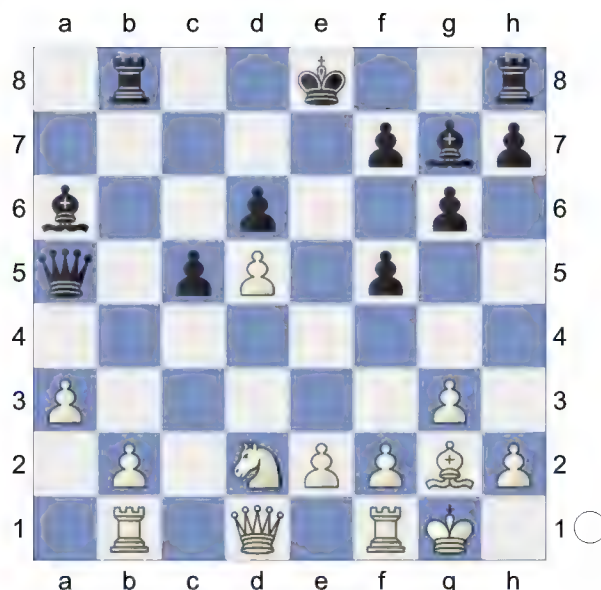
Discovered Attack 13.Ne4 0.36/19 Nxd2
14.Nxf6+

[14.Nexd2 Bg7± (14...Qxa2?
15.Ra1+-; 14...Nxd5? 15.Nb3+-
Discovered Attack)]

[14.Nfxd2 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Bg7=
(15...Qxa2? 16.Ra1+-)]

14...exf6 15.Nxd2 f5 16.a3 Bg7

(Diagram)



17.b4 cxb4 18.Qb3 0-0 19.axb4 Qb5
0.44/19

[19...Qb6= 0.05/20]

20.Rfe1 0.04/21

[20.Rfd1± 0.44/19]

20...Rfc8↑ Black has some pressure.
21.Bf1 e4 would now be deadly.

21...Bc3 This pair of bishops is nice.

22.e4 -0.67/22

[22.e3= 0.07/21 Qb6 23.Qa2]

22...Qb6!± Black is more active.

[22...Qxb4? 23.Bxa6 Bxd2 24.Qxb4
Rxb4 25.Bxc8+-]

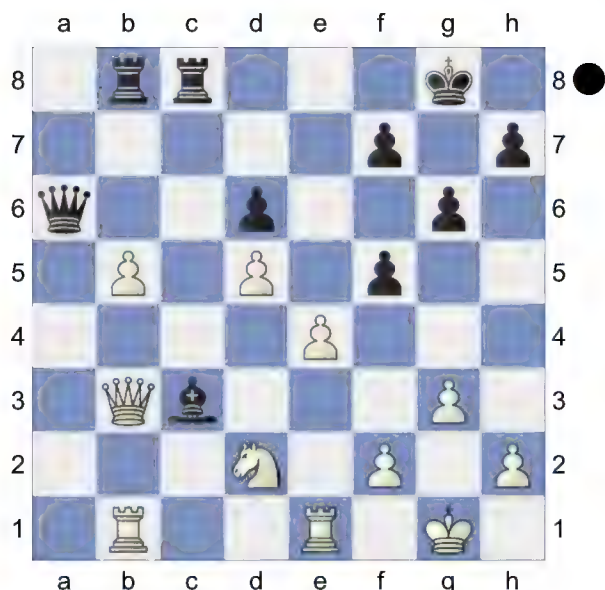
White is on the road to losing. 23.Bxa6
-1.31/20

[23.Red1± -0.42/20 Bxf1 (23...Bxb4
24.Qxb4 Qxb4 25.Rxb4±) 24.Nxf1]

23...Qxa6± 24.b5? -3.51/22

[24.Qd1± -0.92/22]

(Diagram)



24...Qa5!-+

[24...Bxd2? 25.bxa6 Rxb3
26.Rxb3+-]

25.Nc4 -4.73/22

[25.Rec1 -2.75/19 keeps fighting.
Bxd2 26.Rxc8+ Rxc8 27.b6]

25...Rxc4 26.Qxc4 Bxe1 27.exf5 Bc3

[27...gxf5? 28.Qd3#]
[27...Qd2 28.Qf1 Re8 29.b6+-]

28.b6 Qc5

[28...Rxb6 29.Qc8+ Kg7 30.Rxb6
Qxb6 31.Qxc3+ Kg8 32.fxg6 Qb1+
33.Kg2 hxc6 34.Qc4#]
[28...gxf5 29.Qc7 Rf8 30.Qd7=]

29.Qd3 -7.32/20

[29.Qxc5 -4.53/18 dxc5 30.d6]

29...Bd4

[29...Rxb6 30.Rxb6 Qxb6
31.Qxc3=]

30.b7 Bxf2+

[30...Qxd5 31.Rd1=]

**31.Kg2 Bd4 32.Rb5 Qa7 White must
now prevent ...Qa2+. 33.Qc4 Bc5**

[33...Rxb7 34.Rxb7 (34.Qc8+
Kg7=) 34...Qxb7 35.Qxd4#]
[33...gxf5 34.Qc8+ Kg7 35.Qxf5#]

34.fxg6 hxc6

[34...Rxb7 35.Qg4 Qb8 (35...Rxb5

36.gxh7+ Kxh7 37.Qh5+ Kg8
38.Qg5+ Kf8 39.Qd8+ Kg7 40.Qg5+
Kh7 41.Qh5+ Kg8 42.Qg5+ Kh7
43.Qh5+=) 36.gxf7+ Kxf7 37.Qh5+
Kg7 38.Qg5+ Kh8 39.Qf6+ Kg8
40.Qg5+ Kf7 41.Qf5+ Kg7 42.Qg5+
Kf8 43.Qh6+ Kg8 44.Qg5+ Kf7
45.Qf5+ Kg7 46.Qg5+=]

35.Qg4 Kg7 -7.54/19

[35...Rxb7 36.Qc8+ Kg7 37.Rxb7
(37.Qxb7 Qa4=) 37...Qa2+ 38.Kh3
Qxd5 39.Rb8 Qh5+ 40.Kg2=]
[35...Qa2+ -21.25/22 36.Kh3 Bg1
(36...Qxd5 37.Qc8+ Kg7 38.Rxc5#)
37.Qc8+ Kh7]

**36.Qd7 Qa2+ 37.Kh3 Qxd5 38.Qc8
Qh5+ 39.Kg2 Qe2+ 40.Kh3 Qf1+
41.Kh4 Qxb5 42.Qxb8 Qc4+ -12.72/5**

[42...Bg1 -#9/20 43.Qf8+ Decoy
Kxf8 44.b8Q+ Qxb8 45.Kh3 Qb7
(45...Qc8+ 46.g4 Qc5 47.Kh4 Qf2+
48.Kg5 Bxh2 49.Kh6 Qh4#) 46.Kg4
Qd5 (46...Bxh2 47.Kh3 Bg1 48.Kg4
Qe4+ 49.Kh3 g5 50.g4 Qf3#)
47.Kh3 Qf3 48.Kh4 Qh5#]

43.Kh3 Qf1+ 44.Kh4 Qf6+ -12.75/5

[44...Bd4 -#11/24 45.Qc8 Bf6+
46.Kg4 Bd8 47.Qc3+ f6 48.Qc7+
Bxc7 49.Kh4 g5+ (49...Qc4+
50.Kh3 Bb8 51.Kg2 Qe2+ 52.Kh3
Qf3 53.Kh4 Qh5#) 50.Kg4 Kh6
51.h4 f5#]

45.Kh3 Qf5+ -15.50/5

[45...Kh6 -#14/29 46.Qc8 d5
(46...Qf1+? 47.Kh4+-) 47.Qd7 Qf1+
48.Kh4 Be3 49.Qh3 Qf3 50.Qg4
g5+ 51.Qxg5+ Bxg5+ 52.Kh3 Qf1+
53.Kg4 f5#]

46.Kg2 Qe4+ -11.73/5

[46...Qd5+ -#18/29 47.Kh3 Qe6+
48.Kg2 Qe2+ 49.Kh3 Qf1+ 50.Kh4
Qg2 51.Qg8+ Decoy Kxg8 52.b8Q+
Kg7 53.Qc8 f5 (53...Qxh2+ 54.Kg4

f5+ 55.Qxf5 gxf5+ 56.Kxf5 Qe2
57.Kg5 Qe4 58.Kh5 Be3 59.g4
Qh7#) 54.Qc7+ Kh6 55.Qh7+ Kxh7
56.Kg5 Kg7 (56...Qxh2 57.Kf6 Qe2
58.g4 Qe5+ 59.Kf7 d5 60.gxf5
Qe7#) 57.Kf4 Qd2+ 58.Kf3 Qf2#]

47.Kh3 Qf5+? 0.01/5

[47...Qe6+ -#18/26 48.Kg2 Qe2+
49.Kh3 Qf1+ 50.Kh4 Bd4 51.Qf8+
Kh7 (51...Kxf8 52.b8Q+ Kg7
53.Qc8 Bf6+ 54.Kg4 Kh7 55.Qc2
Be7 56.Qf2 Qxf2 57.Kh3 Qf1+
58.Kg4 f5#) 52.Qxd6 Bf6+ 53.Qxf6
Qxf6+ 54.Kh3 Qf1+ 55.Kh4 Kh6
56.g4 Qf2+ (56...Qg2 57.g5+
Qxg5+ 58.Kh3 Kh5 59.b8Q Qg4#)
57.Kh3 Qf3+ 58.Kh4 g5#]

48.Kg2= Qf2+ -10.24/5

[48...Qd5+ -#18/32 49.Kh3 Qe6+
50.Kg2 Qe2+ 51.Kh3 Qf1+ 52.Kh4
Qf6+ 53.Kh3 Kh6 54.Qc8 d5
(54...Qf1+? 55.Kh4-+) 55.Qd7 Qf1+
56.Kh4 Be3 57.Qh3 Qf3 58.Qg4
g5+ 59.Qxg5+ Bxg5+ 60.Kh3 Qf1+
61.Kg4 f5#]

49.Kh3-+ Qf1+? 0.01/5

[49...Bd4 -#25/28 mates 50.Qh8+
Decoy Kxh8 51.b8Q+ Kg7 52.Qb1
Qe2 53.Qb7 Be5 54.Qh1 Kh6 55.g4
Kg5 (55...g5 leads to mate. 56.Qg2
Qe3+ 57.Qg3 Bxg3 58.hxg3 d5
59.Kh2 Qe4 60.Kg1 d4 61.Kf1 d3
62.Kg1 Qe2 63.Kh1 d2 64.Kg1
d1Q#) 56.Qg2 Qe3+ 57.Qg3 Bxg3
58.hxg3 Qf3 59.Kh2 Kxg4 60.Kg1
Kh3 61.g4 Qg2#]

**50.Kh4= Qg2 51.Qc8 Qxh2+ 52.Kg4
Qh5+ -10.09/5**

[52...Qe2+ -#11/24 53.Kh3 Qf1+
54.Kh4 Be3 55.Qf8+ Decoy Kxf8
56.b8Q+ Kg7 57.Qb2+ f6
(57...Qf6+? 58.Qxf6+ Kxf6
59.Kg4-+) 58.Qb5 Qxb5 59.g4 g5+

60.Kg3 Qf1 61.Kh2 Bf4#]

**53.Kf4-+ Qe5+ 54.Kg4 Qe4+ 55.Kh3
Qh1+ 56.Kg4 f5+ 57.Kf4 Qe4+
58.Kg5**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.98/
Black=0.30

58...Qg4# Normal

0-1

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A57

□ **Leko, Peter**

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■ **Topalov, Veselin**

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Nanjing Pearl Spring 2nd (8) 06.10.2009

[Krasenkow, M, TA]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

**1.d4 Postny, Evgeny 1...Nf6 2.c4 c5
3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.e3 e6 6.dxe6
fxe6 7.Nf3 d5 8.b3N 0.32/21**

[8.Nc3!± 0.86/21 Nbd7 9.bxa6 Bd6
10.e4 0-0 11.exd5 exd5 12.Nxd5
Bxa6 13.Ne3 The Budapest Defense
Int-Introduction Lifetime Repertoires:
Swiercz's 1. d4 - 2023]

8...Bd6± 9.Bb2 White is slightly better.

9...0-0 10.Nbd2 0.09/21

[10.a4± 0.46/21]

10...Nbd7= 11.Qc2 -0.13/22

[11.bxa6!± 0.38/23 e5 12.Nc4]

11...Qb6 Postny, Evgeny: 'An engine
dislikes this move and the resulting
structure for Black. White's d5 passer is
now strong and well protected, but the
things are not so simple. ' **12.Bd3**
Postny, Evgeny: 'Peter Leko played this
position twice in the same event.'
12...axb5

[12...h6? 1.51/22 12...axb5 -0.11]

13.Ng5 For this line - see CBM 108,
annotations to Wojtaszek - Kovchan.
However, a lot of games have been
played since then. **13...h6 14.Bh7+N**

A committal move. It is unclear yet whether e2 will be the best square for the white queen. On the other hand, White prevents ...d6-c8-d6.

[14.Nxe6 -0.42/27 14.Bh7+ -0.01 Re8 0.01/22 (14...Rf7! ̄ -0.42/27 is more appropriate.) 15.Bh7+!=

A) 15...Nxb7?! ̄ ½-½ (18) Nielsen, P (2625)-Sutovsky, E (2652) Malmo 2003 16.Qg6 Re7

A1) 17.Nxg7? -5.63/25

17.Bxg7 0.01 Be5 18.Ne6+ Rg7? -1.36/21 (18...Kh8!/-+ -6.76/22 19.Nf4 Bxb2);

A2) 17.Bxg7 White threatens Bf6+ and mate. 17...Rxe6 18.Bf6+± Kf8 (the most active move) was recently met with 19.Qg7+! and Black obtained a good position: Ke8 20.Qg6+;

B) 15...Kh8 16.Nxg7!± Re7! Postny, Evgeny 17.Nh5! d4? 2.70/20 (17...Be5!= -0.23/21 18.Bg6 Nxb5 19.Bxb5 Qf6 20.Bxe5 Qxe5)]

14...Kh8± Black is not holding back

15.Nxe6 Rf7

[15...Nxb7 16.Bxg7+ (16.Qg6 Be5 17.Bxe5 Rf7 18.Qxf7 Nxe5 19.Qxg7#) 16...Kg8 17.Qg6 Rf7 18.Bf6+]

[15...Re8!? 16.Nxg7 Re7̄]

16.Bg6 -0.37/22

[16.Bf5! An engine is still optimistic here for White, but the buried bishop on h1 is a serious source of worry. Nf8 17.Nxf8± Bxf5 Postny, Evgeny is more solid, keeping the centre intact. 18.Qxf5 looks normal and will be probably tested in future games. ΔRaxf8]

[16.Bf5!= 0.01/20]

16...Re7!±

[16...Kg8 looks sharper. 17.b4 c4 18.Bd4 Qb8]

17.Bf5 Bb8 18.Nf8 -1.41/23

Postny, Evgeny: '?!' 18...Nxf8̄ 19.Bxc8

d4! 20.Nf3 White has won a pawn.

Black has more active pieces but does it compensate for his material deficit?

[20.0-0? -3.54/21 20.Nf3 -1.08 Qc7]

[20.0-0 Qc7 (20...dxe3 21.fxe3 Be5 22.Bxe5=) 21.Nf3 Qxc8-+]

20...dxe3!?

[20...Qa5+ -0.31/20 20...Ba7 -1.46

21.Qd2? -3.15/22 (21.Ke2!̄ -0.31/20)

21...Qxd2+? -0.29/24 (21...Bc7!/-+ -3.15/22 22.Bf5 dxe3 Pin 23.Qxa5

Bxa5+ 24.Ke2 Nd5)

A) 22.Nxd2?? -4.53/23 22.Kxd2 -0.38 dxe3? -0.83/22 (22...Be5!/-+ -4.53/23 23.f4 Bxf4);

B) 22.Kxd2= Ne4+!/-+ 23.Ke1! Bc7 0.01/21 (23...Bg3̄ -0.49/22 24.hxg3 Rxc8) 24.Bf5= Ba5+!?

was unclear but the text move is simply bad. 25.Kf1 Postny, Evgeny d3? 2.64/21 (25...Nd6= -0.01/25

26.Bc2 dxe3 27.fxe3 Rxe3)

26.a3? -1.38/21 (26.a4!/-+ 2.64/21)

26...c4̄ 27.b4]

21.0-0 Postny, Evgeny: '?!' 21...exf2+ -0.76/22

[Δ21...Ba7 -1.43/21 22.Bf5 e2]

22.Rxf2? -3.62/22

[22.Qxf2̄ -0.76/22 was the only defense. Bf4 23.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 24.Nxe1]

22...Bf4!/-+ 23.Bf5? Be3 Pin 24.Kh1 Bxf2 25.Qxf2 Rae8 26.Bd3

White is OK materially but Black's bishop pair should decide the game, taking into consideration the poor position of the white king. Inhibits Re2.

26...Re3! Postny, Evgeny: 'Black's pair of strong bishops will overcome a rook

plus pawns. ' 27.Qf1 b4 -1.15/20

[27...Ng4

A) 28.Rd1-+ -7.55/24 28.Bf5 -3.93
c4 29.Bd4 (29.bxc4 Rxd3!)
29...Qb8 is also good. ...Rxf3 would
now be deadly. 30.Bxe3 Nxe3;

B) Δ28.Bxb5 Qb8 29.g3 Qb7-+
30.Kg2

B1) 30...Rxb3;

B2) Δ30...Ne6! -11.29/23

31.Rd1 (31.Bxg7+ Kxg7)

31...Rf8;

B3) 30...Nxb2! -4.76/26;

C) 28.Bf5 Re2 29.Bxg7+ Kxg7
30.Bxg4]

[27...Ng4!-+ -4.28/23 has better
winning chances. 28.Bf5 Re2
29.Bxg7+ Kxg7 30.Bxg4 Qf6]

28.Bb5 Rb8

[28...R8e7!-+ -0.50/19 28...Rb8 -1.39
was even stronger. 29.Nh4]

29.Bc4 Ng6 Against Nh4 **30.a3** -1.87/21
Desperation.

[30.a4 -0.99/21]

30...Rf8? -0.14/23

[30...bxa3!]

[30...bxa3-+ -1.87/21 31.Rxa3 Qc6]

31.Qg1 -0.93/22

[31.axb4= -0.14/23 Qxb4 (31...cxb4
32.Bd4±) 32.Qg1 Rxb3 33.Bxb3
Qxb3 34.Bxf6 Rxf6 35.Qxc5]

31...Re7 0.12/18

[31...Ng4 White must now choose
between a mate and a hopeless
endgame. 32.axb4

(Diagram)



Qxb4 0.01/22 (Better is 32...Qb7! -1.23/22 33.bxc5 Nf4) 33.h3= Rxf3
0.49/27 (33...Qb7= -0.01/23 34.Rf1
Rxf3 35.gxf3 Rxf3 36.Rxf3 Qxf3+
37.Qg2 Pin Nf2+ 38.Kh2 Qxg2+
39.Kxg2 Nd1) 34.gxf3± N4e5-+
6.47/25 L (34...Qd2± 0.39/22
35.Bxg7+ Kxg7 36.Qxg4 Qg5
37.Qd7+ Kh8) 35.Bxe5+- Nxe5
36.Ra7]
[31...Ree8? 0.87/20 31...Ng4 -0.94
32.axb4 Qxb4 1.45/24 (32...Qc7±
0.61/17)



33.Ba3!]

[31...Ng4 ♠ -0.93/22 32.axb4 Qb7
(32...cxb4 33.Ra6=
Skewer, Deflection) 33.bxc5 Rxf3
34.gxf3 Rxf3 (34...Qxf3+?
35.Qg2-+)]

32.axb4= Ng4? 6.28/25

[32...Qxb4 33.Ba3 Qc3 34.Rc1+-
(34.Bxc5 Ne4±)]
[32...Qb7= 0.11/19]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/
Black=0.50

33.Ra6 Skewer. Loss on time!?

[Weaker is 33.bxc5 Qc6=]
[33.Qxc5 Qb8 34.Qh5 N6e5
(34...Nf2+? 35.Kg1±) 35.Nxe5
Nxe5=]

0-1

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A58

□ Gelfand,Boris

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■ Carlsen,Magnus

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Zurich CC Rapid 2014 (1) 04.02.2014

[Kitty Kat]

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5
bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6

5.bxa6 g6 0.91/22

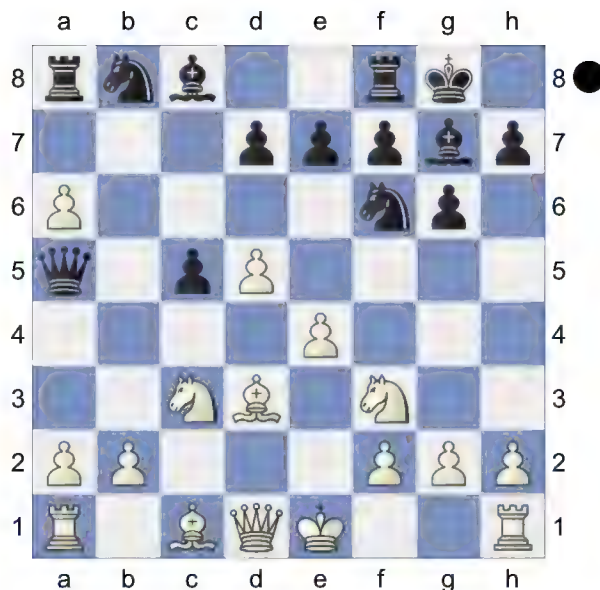
[5...e6± 0.49/21 might be stronger.]

6.Nc3± Bg7 7.e4 0-0 8.Nf3

White is better. 8...Qa5 9.Bd3 -0.61/19

[White should play 9.Nd2!± 0.83/20]

(Diagram)



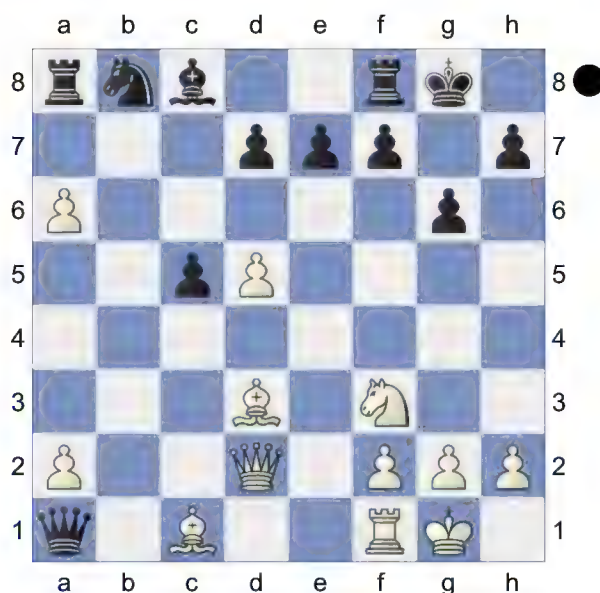
9...Nxd5! ♠ 10.exd5 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3
-1.17/20

[11.Bd2 ♠ -0.46/22 Bxd2+
(11...Bxa6? 12.Bxc3 Qc7 13.0-0+-)
12.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 13.Kxd2]

11...Qxc3+ ♠ 12.Qd2

[12.Bd2 Qxd3 13.Bh6 Qc3+
(13...Qxa6 14.Bxf8 Kxf8 15.h4=;
13...Qe4+? 14.Kf1-+) 14.Kf1 Re8
(14...Bxa6+? 15.Kg1 ♠)]

12...Qxa1 13.0-0



Bxa6 -0.01/17

[13...Qg7! ♠ -1.16/22 14.Bb2 f6

15.d6 Bxa6 16.dxe7 Qxe7 17.Re1
Qf7 18.Be4 Bc4 19.Bxa8 Na6
20.Be4 Nb4 21.a3 Na6 22.Qc3 d5
23.Bd3 Bxd3 24.Qxd3 Nc7 25.Qc3
Ne6 26.h4 h6 27.Qd2 Kh7 28.Qxd5
Nf4 1-0 Sretenskij,N (2016)-Wapner
(1857) Chicago op 19th 2010 (7.18)]

14.Bb2= Qxa2 15.Ra1 -1.22/22

[15.Bb1= -0.01/23 remains equal.
Qb3 16.Re1]



15...Qb3!±

[15...Qxd5 16.Qc3 e5 (16...Bxd3
17.Qh8#; 16...f6 17.Rxa6 Kg7
18.Rxa8±) 17.Nxe5±]

16.Be4N -1.93/21 This pair of bishops is nice.

[16.d6± -0.50/20]

16...d6 -1.53/19

[Better is 16...Bb7-+ -1.93/21 17.Rb1
Ra2]

17.Rb1 Black must now prevent Qh6.

17...f6 18.Bxf6? -5.97/23 Qc4-+

Black is clearly winning. **19.Bb2 Qxe4**

20.Re1 Qd3 Threatens to win with ...

Rxf3. 21.Qxd3 Bxd3 22.Rxe7

(Diagram)



Rxf3! 23.gxf3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.79/
Black=0.20 (precise)

23...Na6

0-1

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□ **Eljanov,Pavel**

■ **Gashimov,Vugar**

Astrakhan FIDE GP (4)

[Marin,Mihail, TA]

A57

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13.05.2010

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5

[4.Bg5 Ne4 5.Bf4 Qa5+ 6.Nd2 g5
7.Be5]

4...a6 5.e3 axb5

[5...g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.a4]

6.Bxb5 Qa5+ 7.Nc3 This move has enjoyed a burst of popularity lately.

7...Bb7

[7...Ba6]

[7...e6 8.dxe6 fxe6]

8.Bd2 Qb6 9.Bc4 e6! 10.Nf3N

[10.e4 Ba6 (10...Nxe4 11.Nf3 Nd6

12.b3 Be7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Re1 Ba6

15.Bxa6 Nxa6 16.Ne5 Qb7 17.Bf4

Rad8 18.Qd2 Nf5 19.Nc4 Bf6
 20.Be5 Bxe5 21.Nxe5 Nb4 22.d6
 Nd4 23.Rac1 f6 24.Nc4 Ra8
 25.Na4 1-0 (43) Mikhalevski,V (2488)-
 Vinter Schou,U (2317) Wch Seniors
 50 32nd 2024 (3)) 11.b3 exd5
 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Be7 14.Nf3
 0-0 15.0-0 Bf6 16.Rb1 Bxc4
 17.bxc4 Qa6 18.Qb3 Qxa2 19.Qxa2
 Rxa2 20.Bf4 Na6 21.Bd6 Rc8
 22.Ne5 Bxe5 23.Bxe5 Nb4 24.Bd6
 h6 25.f3 0-1 (34) Roberts,E-Quiaones,
 C (2149) IRT Nestor Roldan 2003 (7)]
 [10.Qb3 Qxb3 11.Bxb3]
 [10.Nge2 exd5 11.Qb3 Qxb3
 12.Bxb3 Na6 13.0-0 Nc7 14.Rfd1
 Bd6 15.Be1 0-0 16.f3 Rfe8 17.Bf2
 Bf8 0.06/21 (17...Bc6 $\bar{f}$ -0.34/18)
 18.Nf4 c4 19.Ba4 Bc6 -0.04/21
 (19...Bc5! $\bar{f}$ -0.41/22) 20.b3!= Bb4
 21.Nfe2 Bxa4 22.Nxa4 Ne6 23.g4
 -0.11/22 (White should try 23.Rab1 $\pm$
 0.40/18) 23...Ra5 24.Rab1 h6]

10...exd5 A logical developing move.

11.Qb3 White prevents the freeing ...
 e4.

[11.Bb3 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Ne2 $\pm$
 The more solid Na6 can be answered
 with 14.Bc3 , putting the thematic b3-
 b4 out of the question. This would
 leave White without a constructive
 queenside plan, while on the opposite
 wing Black may try improving his
 position gradually. Nc7?! is premature
 because of 15.Nf4 , when the
 queenside weaknesses are more
 difficult to defend. With the knight on
 d7 still, Bc6 is not dangerous
 because of 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Nxd5
 with good control over the critical c4-
 square. In some lines, the bishop will
 be hanging on g3, which makes
 Nxd5!? an important alternative. True,

it would be more passive, not to speak
 about possible back rank problems in
 some extreme cases. In the event of
 18.Bxd5 , Black may have continued
 with Bxd5!? for instance 19.Qxd5
 Rfc8 20.e4 Bxb2 21.Rab1
 Black must now prevent Ne5!. c4
 0.40/22 , eventually followed by ... $\bar{a}$ 7.
 In this line, White will not have the
 possibility of disrupting the black
 structure with a4-a5 anymore.
 (21...Rab8= 0.01/24) 22.Rfc1! $\pm$ Rxa2
 23.Rxc4 Rxc4 24.Qxc4 Qa6
 Prevents Qc8+. 25.Qc7 g6? 6.35/21
 (25...Qa8 $\pm$ 0.37/23)]

11...Qxb3 We can see that Black's
 previous move has been an indirect way
 of preparing this desirable developing
 move, without the necessity of retreating
 with the other knight on to the back rank.
 The point is that the capture on d6
 would not attack the rook. **12.Bxb3**
 The position is equal. **12...Be7**
 Black has managed to neutralise the
 pressure against the d6-pawn by
 keeping the natural course of
 development, which can be considered
 as a relative success after the opening.

[12...Na6]

13.0-0 Na6N A slight modification of the
 plan employed by Vugar in another
 recent game. **14.Rfd1** Deviating from
 the plan used by White in the
 aforementioned game. **14...0-0**
 Black immediately occupies the space
 offered. **15.Ne2** -0.66/22

[15.Be1 Nc7 16.Nh4 -0.55/22
 (16.Bc2= -0.14/22)]

[15.Nb5= 0.01/23]

15...Nc7 $\bar{f}$ Unlike in nthe previous game,
 Gashimov prefers to maintain the
 flexibility of his queenside structure.

[15...Ne4 0.01/22 15...Rfb8 -0.62]

16.Bc3 Ne4 17.Nf4 -1.45/24

[17.a4 $\bar{f}$ -0.57/20]

17...Nxc3! Since an exchange on c4 would leave the b6-pawn weak on an open file, Black has no interest in maintaining the tension. From f7, the knight defends the d6-pawn securely and covers the a2-g8 diagonal. **18.bxc3 c4** Suddenly, White has some problems with his d5-pawn, a direct consequence of having refrained from e3-e4 after the opening. **19.Bc2 Ra3 20.Bf5 Rd8 $\bar{z}$** The pressure along the c-file is not easy to neutralise.

[20...Bc6 -1.13/22 20...Rd8 -1.57 is similar to the game.]

[20...Rxc3 21.Bxd7 Ra3 22.Nd4 $\bar{f}$]

21.Rdb1 -1.93/23

[21.Nd4 $\bar{f}$ -1.42/20]

21...Bc6!?-+ 22.Nd4 g6

[22...Rxc3 23.a4]

23.Bg4 Bc5 *Dodges* **Rb6**

[23...Rxc3 24.a4 -2.61/21 (Δ 24.Rb6 -1.76/22)]

[23...Rxc3 24.Rb6]

24.Nfe2 h5 -1.07/21

[24...Bxd4!-+ -1.87/23 25.Nxd4 h5 (25...Rxc3 26.a4 $\bar{f}$)]

25.Bf3!? $\bar{f}$ Sacrificing a piece in order to avoid losing the initiative completely.

25...Rda8 26.Rb2 Bxd4 27.exd4 -1.69/24

[27.cxd4 $\bar{f}$ -1.11/24 h4 28.Kf1]

27...Kf8 28.h4 Ke7 29.Kf1 Kd6 -1.16/21

[29...Rb3-+ -1.71/23 30.Rc2 Raa3 31.axb3 Rxa1+ 32.Rc1 Rxc1+ 33.Nxc1 cxb3 34.Nxb3 Nb5]

30.Ke1 Nb5 $\bar{f}$ Materially speaking, White has enough compensation for the piece (3 pawns). However, the d5-pawn is doomed and White has to look for ways of keeping the balance level. **31.Kd2**

R8a5 32.g3 Kc7 -1.12/24

[Δ 32...Ra6 -1.49/23 33.Bg2 Ra8]

33.Bg2 $\bar{f}$ d6 -0.30/24

[33...Kd8 $\bar{f}$ -1.12/22 34.Bh3 Kc7]

34.Bf3 Ba8 35.Bg2 Bb7 36.Bh1 Kc6 0.10/22

[36...Na7 -0.29/24 is more appropriate.]

37.Rab1? -2.04/24

[37.Nf4= 0.10/22 Nc7 (37...Rxc3? 38.Rxb5+ $\bar{z}$; 37...Nxc3 38.Rc1 $\pm$ Deflection) 38.Ng2]

37...Rxa2? -0.01/24

[37...Bc8!-+ -2.04/24 and ...Be6! would now be decisive 38.Nf4 (38.Bxd5+ Kxd5 39.Rxb5+ Rxb5 $\pm$) 38...Be6 (38...Rxc3? too greedy. 39.Bxd5+ Kd7 40.Rxb5+ $\bar{z}$; 38...Nxc3 39.Rc1 $\bar{f}$)]

38.Nc1!= Rxb2+ 39.Rxb2 Nc7

[39...Bc8! ?]

40.Na2 Na6 41.Bf3 Kc7 42.Nc1 Bc8

43.Ra2 Rb5 44.Bd1 Rb6 45.Ne2 Kd8

46.Nf4 Nc7 47.Bc2 Rb5 48.Kc1 Bg4

49.Rb2

[49.Ra7]

49...Ra5 50.Rb8+ Kd7 51.Kb2 Ra7

52.Rb4! Bf3 53.Ba4+ Ke7 54.Bc6 Kf6

55.Rb7 -0.64/21

[55.Ra4!= -0.01/22 Rxa4 56.Bxa4]

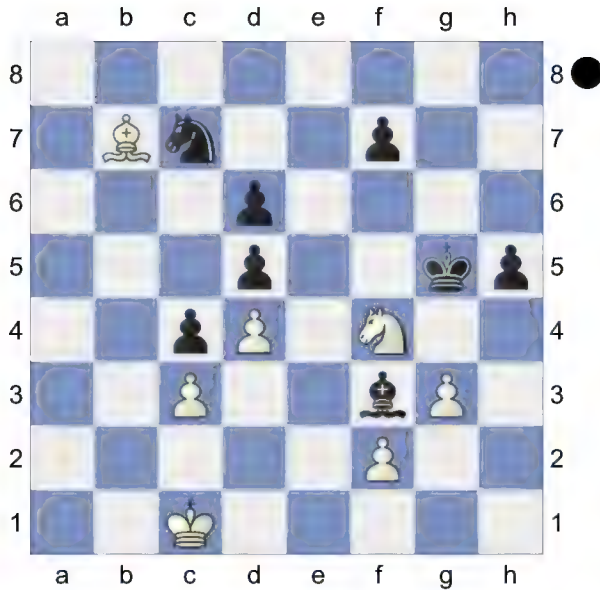
55...Rxb7+ $\bar{f}$ 56.Bxb7 Endgame KBN-KBN. Black is a pawn up. **56...g5**

57.hxg5+ Kxg5 58.Kc1? -6.01/28

[58.Nh3+! The bishop covers the c4- and b3-square, leaving the white knight doomed.]

[58.Nh3+ $\bar{f}$ -0.92/26 Kg4 59.Bc8+ f5 60.Ng1]

(Diagram)

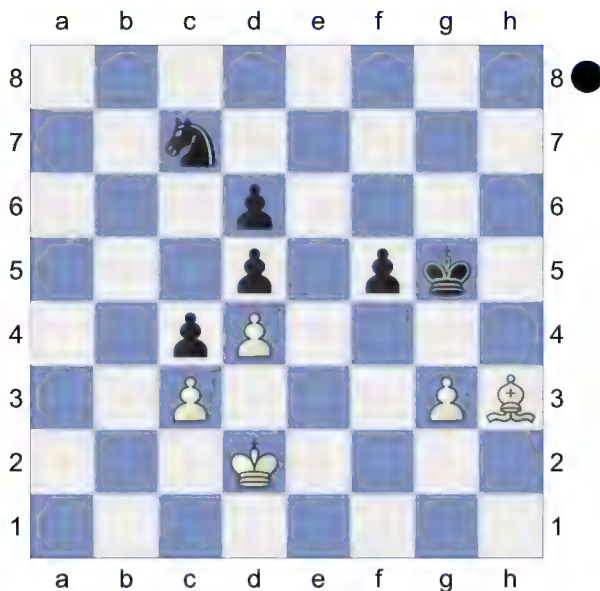


58...h4!-+ 59.Bc8 -9.06/29

[59.Kd2 -2.88/28 hxg3 60.fxg3]

59...Bg4 60.Nh3+ Bxh3 61.Bxh3
hxg3 62.fxg3 KB-KN. Black is a pawn
up. 62...f5 63.Kd2↑ -8.89/27

[63.Kc2⚡ -0.92/27]



This is one of the cases when the
bishop stands badly on g3. 63...Ne8!-+
Black is clearly winning. 64.Bg2 Nf6
65.Bf3↑ Ne4+ 66.Kc2!-+ leaves White
pinned and hanging:
Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/

Black=0.16 (very precise)

66...Kf6 An unexpected result.

1/2-1/2

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□ So,W

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[Kitty Kat]

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A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.e3 axb5 6.Bxb5 Qa5+ 7.Nc3 Bb7
8.Bd2 Qb6 9.Nf3 Nxd5 10.a4 e6
11.e4N

[11.0-0 Be7 12.e4 Nb4

A) 13.Ne5 Qd8 14.Bf4 0-0
15.Nxd7 (15.Bxd7 Nxd7 16.Qxd7
Bc8 17.Qd1 Ba6 18.Nb5 f6
19.Nc4 e5 20.Be3 Qxd1 21.Rfxd1
Rfb8 22.Nca3 Bb7 23.Nc3 Bf8
White takes b5,b-Benko Gambit
White takes b5,b) 15...Nxd7
16.Qxd7 Qxd7 17.Bxd7 Nd3
18.Bc7 c4 19.Rab1 Nc5 20.Rfd1
Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Bxe4 22.Rbc1 Bd5
23.Be5 f6 24.Bd4 Kf7 25.f3 Rab8
26.Bb5 Rfc8 27.Rc2 Bc6
1/2-1/2 (41) Kryschilovskij,A (2532)-
Merenyi (2306) corr 1898 (6);

B) 13.Bf4 Qd8 (13...N8c6 14.Nd2
0-0 15.Nc4 Qd8 16.Nd6 Qb8
17.Bg3 Nd4 18.Nf5 Qd8 19.Nd6
Qb8 20.Nf5 Qd8 21.Nxd4 cxd4
22.Na2 Nc6 23.Nc1 Qb6 24.Nb3
Na7 25.Bd3 Nc6 26.Bb5 Rfc8
27.Nd2 d6 28.Nc4 0-1 (72)
Dujardin,M (2449)-16. ♘bd2 ♕d7 17.
♙c1 2394 (2517) Novi Sad ol (Men)
1990 (3)) 14.Bd6 (14.Qd2 0-0
15.Bd6 f5 16.Ne5 fxe4 17.Nc4
Bxd6 18.Nxd6 Qb6 White takes b5,

b-Benko Gambit White takes b5,b)
 14...N8c6 15.Re1 0-0 16.Re2 Nd4
 17.Nxd4 Bxd6 18.Nf3 Be7
 19.Qxd7 Qxd7 20.Bxd7 Ba6
 21.Rd2 c4 White takes b5,b-Benko
 Gambit White takes b5,b]

11...Nxc3 White is slightly better.

12.Bxc3 Bxe4 13.Ne5 0.24/20

[13.0-0± 0.66/21]

13...Qb7!= 14.Qh5 Bg6 0.97/24

[Better is 14...g6± 0.41/22 15.Qg4
 Bf5]

15.Nxg6±



Pin 15...Qe4+ 16.Kf1 fxe6

[16...Qxg6 17.Qf3 Ra7 18.Qf4±]

17.Qh3 0.24/21

[17.Qd1!± 0.70/23]

17...Qf5 1.29/22

[17...Nc6= 0.24/21]

(Diagram)



18.Qg3 0.30/21

[18.Qe3!± 1.29/22]

18...Nc6= 19.Qc7 Qd5 20.Bxc6 dxc6

21.h4! Black must now prevent Rh3!.

[21.Bxg7 Rxa4 22.Re1 Bxg7
 23.Qxg7 Rf8±]

21...Be7 22.Rh3 0.01/23

[22.Qb7± 0.42/22 Kf7 23.a5]

22...Rf8! 23.Qe5 -0.28/23

[23.Bxg7 Rf7 24.Qe5 c4=]

[23.h5 0.24/23]

23...Bf6 24.Qe2 Bd4 25.Bxd4 cxd4

26.h5 -0.88/20

[26.a5= -0.19/19]

26...Rf6 -0.13/19 Black is more active.

[26...gxh5± -0.88/20 White must now
 prevent ...Rf5. 27.Qxh5+ Qxh5
 28.Rxh5 d3]

27.Kg1 -0.64/21

[27.b4!= -0.13/19]

27...Kf7↑ Black has good play. 28.hxg6+
 -1.12/23

[28.b4!= -0.26/20 remains equal.]

28...Rxg6± Loses the game. 29.g3
 -3.36/21

[29.Rf3+± -0.89/21 Kg8 30.b4]

29...d3+ 30.Qd2 -5.11/20

[30.Qh5 -2.89/21 was the only

chance.]

30...Rg4 White is weak on the light squares **31.a5 Re4 32.Rxh7? -8.05/21**

[**32.Qc3 -3.82/22** Kg8 33.Rd1]

32...Kg8 33.Rh4 Re2 34.Qc3 d2

35.Rd1 Rf8

[Weaker is 35...Rxa5 36.Kf1 Qb5 37.Kg2+-]

36.Rh2 Qe4 (-> ...Re1+) 37.Rf1 Rf3

38.Qc5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.95/ Black=0.22 (precise)

38...Re1

0-1

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□ **Nepomniachtchi,I**

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■ **Lisenkov,Svyatoslav**

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[Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6

5.e3 e6 6.Nc3 exd5 7.Nxd5 Bb7

8.Nxf6+ Qxf6 9.Nf3 Be7 10.bxa6

Nxa6 11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0N White is

slightly better.

[12.Bd2 Qg6 (12...d5 13.Bc3 Qh6

14.0-0 Rfd8 15.Qb3 Bc6 16.Ne5

Be8 17.Ba5 c4 18.Qc2 Nb4

19.Bxb4 Bxb4 20.Nf3

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Informant ECO A4 2000) 13.Bc3 Rfd8

14.0-0 Nc7 15.a4 Nd5 16.Bd2 Nf6

17.a5 Ne4 18.Qc2 5...e6 6.Nc3

exd5-10...0-0 2016]

12...Rfd8 0.94/22

[12...Nb4= 0.13/22]

13.Bd2!± d5 14.Bc3 Qe6 15.Re1 Nb8

16.b3 0.79/19

[Δ16.a3 1.22/19]

16...Nc6 17.Bb2 Bf6 1.43/19

[Δ17...h6 0.76/18]

18.Qc1 0.66/19

[18.Bxf6± 1.43/19 Qxf6 19.Rc1]

18...Bxb2 1.25/19

[18...Be7± 0.66/19]

19.Qxb2 d4 1.83/20

[19...h6± 1.12/18]

20.exd4+- cxd4 2.22/20

[20...Nxd4± 1.47/19 21.Nxd4 Qf6

Pin]

21.Ba6 Discovered Attack 21...Qd7

1.76/20

[21...Qc8± 1.40/20 22.Bxb7 Qxb7]

22.Bxb7 1.03/20

[22.Bf1+- 1.76/20]

22...Qxb7± 23.Rad1 Qb4 1.69/20

[23...Rd5± 0.91/19]

24.h3 1.17/21

[24.Rc1!+- 1.69/20 Qd6 25.Rc4]

24...h6 25.Re4 0.96/20

[Δ25.Rc1 1.55/19 Qd6 26.Re4]

25...Qa3 26.Qxa3 0.87/18

[26.Qc1 1.28/22 Qxc1 27.Rxc1]

26...Rxa3 27.Rd2

[27.Nxd4 f5 28.Rf4 (28.Nxf5?

Rxd1+ 29.Kh2 Rd7-+) 28...g5

(28...Rxa2 29.Kh2±) 29.Rxf5

Nxd4+- (29...Rxd4 30.Rd5±;

29...Rxa2 30.Nxc6 Rxd1+ 31.Kh2±)]

27...d3 1.94/24

[27...Rb8± 0.91/23]

28.Rc4+- Rd6 29.Ne1 0.85/23

[29.Kf1+- 1.74/21 has better winning

chances.]

29...Ne5±

(Diagram)



30.Rc5 f6 31.f4 Ng6 32.g3 0.65/23
 [32.Nxd3 Nxf4 33.Rc3 Ra7±]
 [32.Rxd3± 1.40/24 Rxd3 33.Nxd3
 Rxa2 34.f5]
32...Rda6 1.21/24
 [32...Rxa2± 0.65/23 33.Rxa2 d2
 34.Rxd2 Rxd2]
33.Nxd3
 [33.Rxd3 Rxa2 34.Rd8+ Kh7±]
33...Rxa2 34.Rcc2 0.37/20
 [34.Rxa2± 1.33/22 Rxa2 35.Rc7]
34...Ra1+± 35.Kg2 h5 36.h4 Ne7
37.Rc5 g6 0.38/24
 [37...Rd6= -0.01/22]
38.Rc7 Nf5 1.78/25
 [38...R6a2= 0.19/24 39.Nb2 Kf7]

(Diagram)



39.Nb4!+- Rd6 1.77/25
 [39...Ra8± 1.21/25]
40.Rxd6 Nxd6 Endgame KRN-KRN.
White is a pawn up. 41.Nd5 Ne4
3.43/24
 [41...Ne8± 1.25/23 was called for.]
42.Kf3 f5 4.85/26
 [42...Nd2+ 3.21/24 43.Ke3 Nxb3]
43.Ne7+ Kf8 44.Nxg6+ Ke8 45.Ne7
Rf1+ 46.Kg2 Rf2+ 47.Kg1 Rf3 6.30/25
 [47...Kd8 4.30/23]
48.Nxf5 And now Re7+ would win.
48...Kf8 49.Re7? 0.09/22
 [White should try 49.Rc4+- 6.39/24]
49...Nxg3= 50.Re5 Rxb3 51.Kg2 Nxf5
52.Rxf5+ KR-KR. White is a pawn up.
52...Kg7 53.Rxh5 Ra3 54.Rg5+ Kf6
55.Rg3 Ra1 56.Kf3 Kf5 57.Rg5+ Kf6
58.Rb5 Kg6 59.Rb6+ Kf5 60.Rb5+
Kg6 61.h5+ Kh6 62.Rd5 Re1 63.Re5
Rf1+ 64.Kg4 Rg1+ 65.Kf5 Kxh5
66.Re6 Ra1 67.Kf6 Kh6 0.68/27
 [Better is 67...Ra8= 0.16/27]
68.f5 0.13/26
 [68.Kf7+± 0.68/27 Kh5 69.f5]
68...Kh7 0.77/27
 [68...Ra7!= 0.13/26 remains equal.]
69.Kf7 0.20/29

[69.Re7+± 0.77/27 Kh6 70.Kf7]
69...Ra7+ 0.85/31
 [69...Ra5= 0.20/29]
70.Re7 Ra8 71.f6 Ra6? 7.51/30
 [71...Rb8± 0.76/26]
72.Kf8+- Kg6 73.f7 Threatening mate with Kg8. 73...Ra8+ 74.Re8 Ra6
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.37
75.Kg8
1-0

31 **A57**
 □ **Ponomarev, Ruslan** **2731**
 ■ **Aronian, Levon** **2803**
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 [TA]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.a4 b4
5.Nd2 g6 6.e4 d6 7.g3N

[7.Ngf3 Bg7 8.Bd3 (8.g3 e6 9.Bh3 exd5 10.Bxc8 Qxc8 11.cxd5 0-0 12.0-0 c4 13.Qc2 c3 14.bxc3 bxc3 15.Nb3 Qg4 16.Nfd4 Qxe4 17.Qxc3 Nxd5 18.Qd2 Nb6 19.Re1 Qd5 20.Qd1 N8d7 21.Ra2 Bxd4 22.Rd2 Ne5 0-1 (56) Bascunana Sanchez, P (2445)-10.Kb1 b5 11.c5 (2740) RUS-ch13 qf-2 email 2013) 8...Nbd7 9.0-0 Ng4 10.h3 Nge5 11.Be2 Nxf3+ 12.Nxf3 Ne5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Ra2 h5 15.b3 Bd7 16.Bb2 Bxb2 17.Rxb2 Qc7 18.f4 0-0-0 19.Bf3 h4 20.Re2 Rdg8 21.e5 g5 1-0 (44) 2.e3 g6 3. ♖f3 ♕g7 28220 (2040)-Bradavarevic, A (2042) consultation 1864 (4)]

7...Bg7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Ne2 Black has an edge. 9...Nbd7 10.0-0 Rb8 11.Rb1 e6 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.b3 Bb7 14.Bb2 -0.73/20

[14.Nf4= -0.23/21 Qe7 15.Re1]

14...Qe7 15.h3 -1.03/19

[15.Nf4♞ -0.39/19]

15...Ne5 16.f4 Nc6 17.Kh2 -2.07/18

[17.e5♞ -0.85/20 dxe5 18.Bxc6 Bxc6 19.Bxe5]

17...Nd7? -0.54/21

[Black should play 17...e5+- -2.07/18 aiming for ...Nd4. 18.Qc2 Nh5]

18.Bxg7♞ Kxg7 19.Nf3 -1.06/18

[19.Qe1♞ -0.57/18 was preferable.]

19...e5♞ 20.f5 -1.29/18



Nd4!

[20...gxf5?! 21.Nh4±]

21.Nexd4 -1.64/19

[White should play 21.Qd2♞ -0.55/19]

21...exd4 -1.04/17

[21...cxd4+- -1.64/19 22.Nh4 Qg5]

22.fxg6 -1.68/19

[22.Qd2♞ -1.04/17]

22...hxg6+-

[22...Qxe4 23.Nh4 Rxf1 24.Qxf1+- (24.Bxe4? Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Bxe4+-)]

[22...Bxe4 23.Re1 Rbe8 (23...Kxg6? 24.Rxe4 Qxe4 25.Nh4+-; 23...hxg6? 24.Nd2+-) 24.Nxd4± (24.Nd2 Bxb1 25.Rxe7+ Rxe7±)]

23.Nh4? -3.52/24

[23.Qd2+ -1.49/20]

23...Ne5

[23...Bxe4 24.Bxe4 Qxe4
(24...Rxf1? 25.Qxf1 Rf8 26.Qd3+-)
25.Re1±]

[23...Rxf1? 24.Qxf1 Rh8
(24...Bxe4? 25.Bxe4 Rf8
26.Nxg6+-) 25.Qe2+]

24.Qd2 -4.55/25

[24.Qe2 -3.15/24 is a better
defense.]

**24...Rbe8 Active counter play! 25.Rbe1
Bc8 -1.97/23**

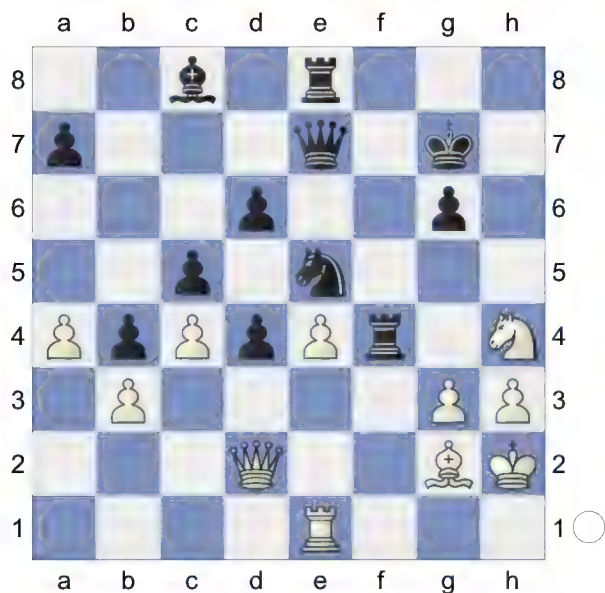
[Δ25...Rxf1 -4.37/23 26.Rxf1 Bc6]

26.Rf4? -9.36/21

[26.Nf3 -1.97/23]

26...Rxf4

[Weaker is 26...g5 27.Nf5+ Bxf5
(27...Rxf5 28.Rxf5 Bxf5 29.exf5+)
28.Rxf5 Rxf5 29.exf5+]



**Remove Defender 27.gxf4 Qxh4
28.fxe5 dxe5 29.Rf1 Rf8 30.Rxf8
Kxf8 Endgame KQB-KQB. Black is a
pawn up. 31.Qd3 Qf4+ 32.Kg1 Kg7
33.Kh1 a5 34.Kg1 Kh6 35.Kh1 Kg5
36.Qe2 Qc1+ 37.Kh2 Qe3 38.Qd1 d3
(-> ...Kh4) 39.Bf3 Qf2+ 40.Bg2**

**Weighted Error Value: White=1.73/
Black=0.58**

40...d2 -34.74/35

[Δ40...Bxh3 -#10/22 41.Qg1 Qxg2+
(41...Qxg1+ gets mated. 42.Kxg1
Bxg2 43.Kf2 Kf4 44.Ke1 Ke3
45.Kd1 d2 46.Kc2 Bf3 47.Kb2 d1Q
48.Ka2 Bxe4 49.Kb2 Qb1#)
42.Qxg2+ Bxg2 43.Kg1 d2
(43...Bxe4 44.Kf1 Kf4 45.Kf2 Bf3
46.Ke1 Ke3 47.Kf1 d2 48.Kg1
d1Q+ 49.Kh2 Kf2 50.Kh3 Qh1#)
44.Kxg2 d1Q (44...d1B 45.Kf2 Bxb3
46.Ke3 Bxc4 47.Kd2 Kf4 48.Kc2
Ke3 49.Kc1 g5 50.Kd1 g4 51.Ke1
g3 52.Kd1 g2 53.Kc2 g1Q 54.Kb2
Bd3 55.Kb3 Qb1#) 45.Kh2 Qc2+
(45...Qxb3 46.Kg1 Kf4 47.Kh2
Qa2+ 48.Kg1 Kg3 49.Kh1 Qh2#)
46.Kg3 Qe2 (46...Qxe4 47.Kf2 Kf4
48.Kg1 Qe2 49.Kh1 Kf3 50.Kg1
Qg2#) 47.Kh3 Kf4 48.Kh4 Qh5#]

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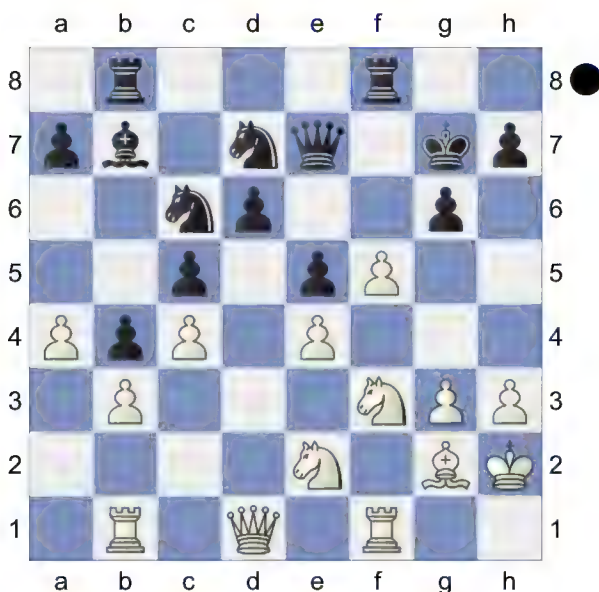
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A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.a4 b4
5.Nd2 g6 6.e4 d6 7.g3N**

[7.Ngf3 Bg7 8.Bd3 (8.g3 e6 9.Bh3
exd5 10.Bxc8 Qxc8 11.cxd5 0-0
12.0-0 c4 13.Qc2 c3 14.bxc3 bxc3
15.Nb3 Qg4 16.Nfd4 Qxe4 17.Qxc3
Nxd5 18.Qd2 Nb6 19.Re1 Qd5
20.Qd1 N8d7 21.Ra2 Bxd4 22.Rd2
Ne5 0-1 (56) Bascunana Sanchez,P
(2445)-10.Kb1 b5 11.c5 (2740) RUS-
ch13 qf-2 email 2013) 8...Nbd7 9.0-0

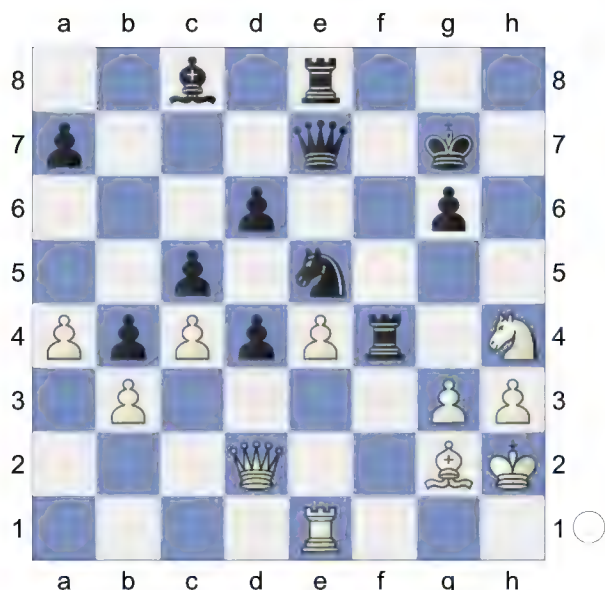
Ng4 10.h3 Nge5 11.Be2 Nxf3+
 12.Nxf3 Ne5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Ra2
 h5 15.b3 Bd7 16.Bb2 Bxb2 17.Rxb2
 Qc7 18.f4 0-0-0 19.Bf3 h4 20.Re2
 Rdg8 21.e5 g5 1-0 (44) 2.e3 g6 3.
 ♖f3 ♕g7 28220 (2040)-Bradavarevic,A
 (2042) consultation 1864 (4)]
7...Bg7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Ne2 The position
 is equal. **9...Nbd7 -0.06/19**
 [9...a5 -0.52/19]
10.0-0!= Rb8 11.Rb1 -0.50/18
 [11.Nf4= -0.05/20 deserves
 consideration.]
11...e6 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.b3 Bb7
14.Bb2 Qe7 15.h3 -0.99/20
 [15.Nf4 -0.39/19]
15...Ne5 16.f4 Nc6 17.Kh2 -1.94/16
 [17.Bxf6 -0.96/20 Rxf6 (17...Qxf6
 18.Nf3; 17...Bxf6 18.Kh1) 18.Nf3]
17...Nd7 -0.54/20
 [17...e5+ -1.94/16 ...Nd4 is the
 strong threat. 18.a5 a6 (18...Nxa5?
 19.f5+)]
18.Bxg7 Kxg7 Black continues to play
 with concentration. **19.Nf3 -1.04/19**
 [19.Qe1 -0.52/18]
19...e5 20.f5



Nd4!

[20...gxf5?! 21.Nh4=]
21.Nexd4 -1.92/21
 [21.Qd2 -0.77/22]
21...exd4 -0.91/21
 [21...cxd4+ -1.92/21 22.Nh4 Qg5]
22.fxg6 -1.81/19
 [22.Qd2 -0.91/21 was worth a try.]
22...hxg6+
 [22...Qxe4 23.Nh4 Rxf1 24.Qxf1+-
 (24.Bxe4? Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Bxe4+-)]
 [22...Bxe4 23.Re1 Rbe8
 (23...Kxg6? 24.Nh4+ Kg7
 25.Rxe4+-; 23...hxg6? 24.Nd2+-)
 24.Nd2 Bxb1 (24...d5? 25.cxd5
 Bxb1 26.Rxe7+ Rxe7 27.Qxb1+-)
 25.Rxe7+ Rxe7 26.Qxb1= (26.Nxb1
 hxg6 27.Kg1 Rfe8=)]
23.Nh4? -3.26/23
 [23.Qd2 -1.60/19]
23...Ne5
 [23...Bxe4 24.Bxe4 Qxe4
 (24...Rxf1? 25.Qxf1 Rf8 26.Qd3+-)
 25.Re1=]
24.Qd2 -4.37/23
 [♠24.Qe2 -2.85/21]
24...Rbe8 Active counter play! **25.Rbe1**
Bc8 -2.20/22
 [♠25...Rxf1 -4.38/22 26.Rxf1 Rh8]
26.Rf4? -9.10/22
 [26.Nf3 -2.20/22]
26...Rxf4
 [Less strong is 26...g5 27.Nf5+ Rxf5
 28.Rxf5 Bxf5 29.exf5]

(Diagram)



Remove Defender 27.gxf4 Qxh4
28.fxe5 dxe5 29.Rf1 Rf8 30.Rxf8
Kxf8 Endgame KQB-KQB. Black is a
pawn up. 31.Qd3 Qf4+ 32.Kg1 Kg7
33.Kh1 a5 34.Kg1 Kh6 35.Kh1 Kg5
36.Qe2 Qc1+ 37.Kh2 Qe3 38.Qd1 d3
(->...d2) 39.Bf3 Qf2+ 40.Bg2
Weighted Error Value: White=1.65/
Black=0.63

40...d2 -37.97/34

[40...Bxh3 -#9/20 41.Qf3 Qxg2+
42.Qxg2+ Bxg2 43.Kg1 d2
(43...Bxe4 leads to mate. 44.Kf1 Kf4
45.Kf2 Bf3 46.Ke1 Ke3 47.Kf1 d2
48.Kg1 d1Q+ 49.Kh2 Kf2 50.Kh3
Qh1#) 44.Kxg2 d1Q (44...d1B
45.Kf2-+) 45.Kh3 Qg4+ (45...Qxb3+
46.Kg2 Kf4 47.Kh2 Qc2+ 48.Kh3 b3
49.Kh4 Qh2#) 46.Kh2 Kf4
(46...Qxe4 47.Kg1 Qe2 48.Kh1 Kf4
49.Kg1 Kf3 50.Kh1 Qg2#) 47.Kh1
Kf3 48.Kh2 Qg2#]

0-1

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□ Keymer, Vincent

■ Hakobyan, Aram

Julius Baer GenCup D3 W rapid (1.3)

[Kitty Kat]

A58

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A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5
bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 e6! 6.Nc3 exd5 7.Nxd5 Nxa6
8.Nxf6+!? 0.18/18 Leaves trodden
paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[8.Nf3± 0.59/19 Nxd5 9.Qxd5 Nc7
10.Qe5+ Ne6 11.e4 Be7 12.Bc4
Ra4 13.Qd5 Ba6 14.Ne5 Bf6
15.Bxa6 Bxe5 16.Bc4 Qb8 17.0-0
Bxh2+ 18.Kh1 Be5 19.Be3 0-0
20.Rab1 Bf4 21.b3 Rxa2 22.b4 Ra3
23.bxc5 0-1 (33) Ipek,E (2308)-
Tilicheev,V (2504) Ayvalik Iris 2023
(5)]

[8.Bg5 Be7 9.Nxe7 Qxe7 10.Nf3
Rb8 11.b3 h6 12.Bh4 Rb6 13.e3
Bb7 14.Be2 g5 15.Bg3 h5 16.Nxg5
h4 17.Bf4 Nd5 18.0-0 Rg8 19.Nf3
Nc3 20.Qc2 Nxe2+ 21.Qxe2 Qe4
22.Bg3 hxg3 0-1 (39) Barski,R (2409)-
Rostomyan,M (2222) Titled Tuesday
intern op 18th Jul Late blitz 2023 (6)]

8...Qxf6= 9.Nf3 Nb4! 10.e4
Wards off Qf5 10...Qg6N 0.62/21

[Vorgänger: 10...Bb7 0.97/22
10...Rxa2 0.06 11.Bc4 0.05/21
(11.Bb5± 0.97/22 Bd6 12.e5)
11...Bxe4= 12.0-0 Bxf3 13.Qxf3
Qxf3 14.gxf3 Be7 15.Bb3? -0.96/21
(15.Rd1± 0.55/18 keeps the upper
hand.) 15...0-0 0.07/23 (15...d5±
-0.96/21 White must now prevent ...
c4. 16.Re1 c4) 16.Bd2 Nc6
½-½ Leenhouts,K (2443)-Pijpers,A
(2490) Amsterdam Batavia Grolsch
blitz 11th 2019 (6.1)]

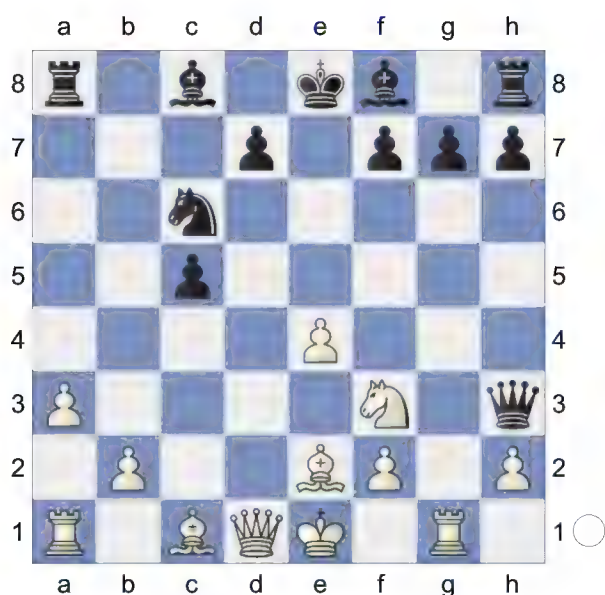
[10...Rxa2= 0.09/21 11.Rxa2 Nxa2
12.Bc4 Nxc1 13.Qxc1 Be7 14.0-0
0-0 2) 5...e6 - 7...Nxa6 Alternat-5...e6
6.Nc3 exd5 7.Nxd5]

11.Be2!± Qxg2? 2.11/19

[Black should play 11...Be7± 0.52/20]

12.Rg1+- Qh3 13.a3 Nc6 2.50/18

[13...Qe6± 1.35/18]



14.Bc4! Be7? 4.17/19

[14...f6 2.10/18 15.Rg3 Qh5]

15.Rxg7 Ba6 16.Rg3

[16.Bxf7+ Kf8 17.Rg1 Kxf7 18.Qd5+
Ke8]

**16...Qh5 17.Bxa6 Rxa6 18.Bd2
2.06/19**

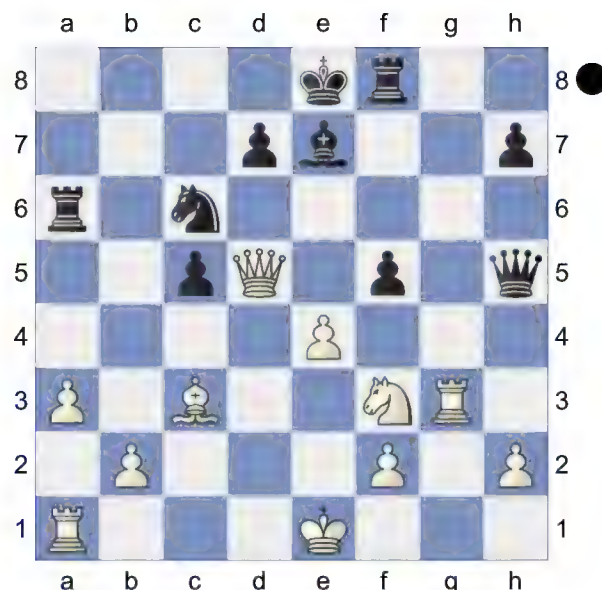
[18.Bf4 3.70/18]

18...f5 3.31/20

[18...Bf6 2.06/19 19.Qe2 Rb6]

19.Bc3 Rf8 20.Qd5

(Diagram)



Hoping for Rd1. **20...Ra4? 5.07/22**

[20...Nd8 2.61/19]

21.0-0-0 Nd4? 8.02/20

[21...Qh6+ 2.91/21 22.Kb1 Qe6]

22.Nxd4 White is clearly winning.

22...cxd4 23.Bxd4 Qe2 24.Rc3

Threatening mate with Rc8+. **24...Bg5+**

25.Be3 Bxe3+ Black did not feel at

home in the position after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/
Black=1.67

26.fxe3

1-0

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A57

□ Aronian, Levon

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■ Schricker, J

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Ordix Open Mainz GER rapid (1) 13.8.05

[Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6

5.e3 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.a4

Bb7 9.e4N

[9.Rb1 e6 (9...d6 10.Be2 axb5

11.axb5 e6 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.0-0 d5

14.b4 c4 15.Nd4 Qd6 16.e4 Nxe4

17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Be3 Bd5 19.b6 Nd7 20.Nb5 Qc6 21.Nc7 Rad8 22.b5 Qb7 23.Bg4 Nxb6 24.Nxe6 ½-½ (39) Markus,R (2610)-Markos,J (2568) Magyarorszag 139/21 2018)

10.dxe6 (10.Bc4 axb5 11.axb5 exd5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.Bxd5 Qa5+ 14.Bd2 Qxb5 15.Bxb7 Qxb7 16.Bc3 Bxc3+ 17.bxc3 Qa6 A 57/66 2000)

10...fxe6 11.Be2 axb5 12.axb5 d5 13.0-0 Nbd7 14.b4 c4 15.Nd4 Qe8 16.e4 Nb6 17.e5 Ne4 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Nc6 Bxc6 20.bxc6 Qxc6 21.b5 Qc7 22.Qd4 c3 23.Qxe4 Qxe5 0-1 (36) Sacripanti,G (2450)-6. ♖e1 a6

7. ♕c4 63663 (2480) Politiken Cup 13th 1991 (6)]

[9.Bc4 d6 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.bxa6 Bxa6 12.Bxa6 Rxa6 13.Qc2 Qa8 14.e4 Rb8 15.Bd2 c4 16.Nd4 Nc5 17.Ndb5 Rb7 18.Be3 Nfd7 19.Ra3 Qb8 20.Rb1 Bxc3 21.Nxc3 Rb3 22.Ne2 Rxa3 23.bxa3 Qa8 0-1 (51) Merbis,M (2057)-Labruyere,R (2191) Amsterdam Science Park op-A 2023 (7)]

[9.bxa6 Nxa6 10.Bc4 e6 11.0-0 Nb4 12.e4 exd5 13.exd5 Ba6 14.Bxa6 Rxa6 15.Be3 d6 16.Qd2 Qa8 17.Rad1 Rxa4 18.Nxa4 Qxa4 19.Bh6 Nbx5 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Ra1 Qg4 22.h3 Qf5 23.Qg5 Qxg5 ; -; (84) Chandreyee,H-4. ♕c3 a6 5. ♕g5 39169 109/(240) Kallithea 2008]

9...Qa5 1.63/18

[Black should try 9...e6± 0.41/18]

10.Bd2+- Qb4 2.05/18

[10...Qc7± 1.37/19 11.Bc4 axb5]

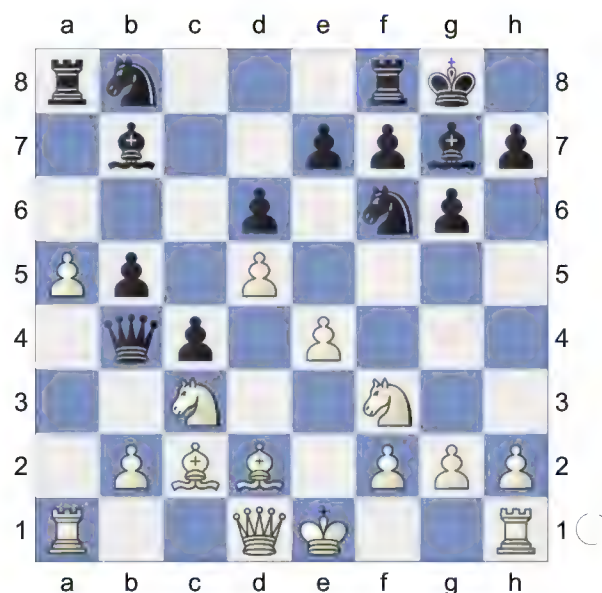
11.Bd3 White is clearly better. 11...c4

12.Bc2 d6 2.93/18

[♞12...axb5 1.71/18 13.axb5 (13.Nxb5 Qc5+-) 13...Qxb2]

13.a5 axb5 3.97/20

[13...Qxb2 2.50/17 14.Rb1 Qa3]



14.Na4! c3 5.21/20

[14...Qxd2+ 3.55/20 might work better. 15.Nxd2 (15.Qxd2 bxa4 16.0-0 Nbd7+-) 15...bxa4 16.Nxc4 (16.Rxa4 c3+-) 16...Ba6] [14...Qxa4 15.Bxa4]

15.Bxc3 White is clearly winning.

[Not 15.Nxc3 Qc4±]

15...Qc4 16.Nb6 Qc7 17.Nxa8 Bxa8 18.0-0 Na6 19.Qe2 Nc5 20.Rfc1 Qd7 21.b4 Na6 22.Bd3 Rb8 23.Nd4 Ne8 Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.02 (flawless) /Black=0.73

24.Bxb5

1-0

35

□ Sarana,Alexey

■ Kasparov,Sergey

A59

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Titled Tue 6th Aug Early blitz (8) 06.08.24
[Kitty Kat]

A59: Benko/Volga Gambit: White castles
by hand

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.Nc3 axb5 6.Nxb5 Ba6 7.Nc3 g6
8.e4 Bxf1 9.Kxf1 d6 10.Nf3 Bg7
11.g3 Nbd7 12.Kg2 0-0 13.a4 Qb6
14.Re1

[14.Ra3 Rfb8 15.Qc2 Ne8
(15...Ng4 16.h3 Nge5 17.Nd2 Qa6
18.Nb5 g5 19.Nc7 Qa5 20.Nxa8
Rxa8 21.Nc4 Nxc4 22.Qxc4 h6
23.h4 g4 24.Qb5 Qa7 25.h5 Ne5
26.Qe2 Rb8 27.b3 Qb6 28.a5 Qb4
29.a6 Nf3 30.Qc4 1-0 (54)

Toktomushev,T (2274)-Korsunsky,Y
(2369) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th
Sep Early blitz 2024 (10)) 16.h4 h5
17.Nb5 Nc7 18.Nxc7 Qxc7 19.b3
Rb7 20.Bd2 Qb8 21.Rb1 Raa7
22.a5 Rc7 23.Ra4 Qc8 24.Rc4 Nb8
25.b4 cxb4 26.Rbxb4 Na6 27.Ra4
Nc5 28.Ra2 Na6 ½-½ (100) Atalik,S
(2603)-Kasparov,S (2482) SRB-chT
Vrnjacka Banja 2012 (4.5)]

14...Rfb8 15.Ra3N White is better.

[15.Nb5 Ne8 16.Nd2 Ne5 17.f4
(17.Qc2 Nc7 18.Nxc7 Qxc7 19.f4
Nd7 20.Rb1 Qa5 21.b3 Qc3 22.Qd1
Qd3 23.Ba3 f5 24.exf5 Qxd5+
25.Nf3 Qxd1 26.Rexd1 Nf6 27.fxg6
hxc6 28.Ng5 Ra7 Chapter-Games
Chapter 8 Game 3) 17...Nd3 18.Re3
Nb4 19.Nc4 Qb7 20.Rb1 f5 21.Bd2
fxe4 22.Bxb4 cxb4 23.Rxe4 Nf6
24.Re1 Rxa4 25.Qxa4 Qxd5+
26.Kh3 Ng4 27.Qa7 Rb7 28.Qa8+
Bf8 29.Rf1 Qxb5 ½-½ (67) Espinosa

Veloz,E (2544)-Gallego Alcaraz,A
(2511) Guillermo Garcia Prem 2 2018
(7.2)]

15...Ne8 16.Re2 Nc7 17.h4 Qa6
1.09/17

[Δ17...h6 0.71/17]



18.h5!± Rb4

[18...Bf6 19.Na2]

19.h6 0.06/21

[19.Bg5± 1.24/17]

19...Bh8 0.72/19

[19...Bxc3= 0.06/21 20.bxc3
(20.Rxc3 Rxa4 21.Bd2 Rb8=)
20...Rxa4 21.Qxa4 Qxa4 22.Rxa4
Rxa4]

20.Bg5 0.29/18

[20.Qd2± 0.72/19]

20...Kf8=

(Diagram)



21.Bf4!↑ Black must now prevent a5.
Black is under pressure. **21...Rab8**
1.66/19

[21...Bxc3± 0.36/22 22.Rxc3
(22.bxc3 Rxa4 23.Rxa4 Qxa4±)
22...Rxa4]

22.Ra2 1.08/22

[22.a5+- 1.66/19]

22...Qc4? 3.75/17

[22...Bxc3± 1.08/22 might work
better. 23.bxc3 Rb3]

23.e5+- dxe5 4.81/21

[♞23...Ne8 3.35/18 24.exd6 exd6]

24.d6

[Weaker is 24.Nxe5 Bxe5 25.Bxe5
Nxe5±]

[24.Bxe5 Nxe5 25.Nxe5 Bxe5
26.Rxe5 Qd4+-]

24...exf4? 8.84/19

[24...Ne6 3.33/19]

25.dxc7 Discovered Attack **25...Re8**

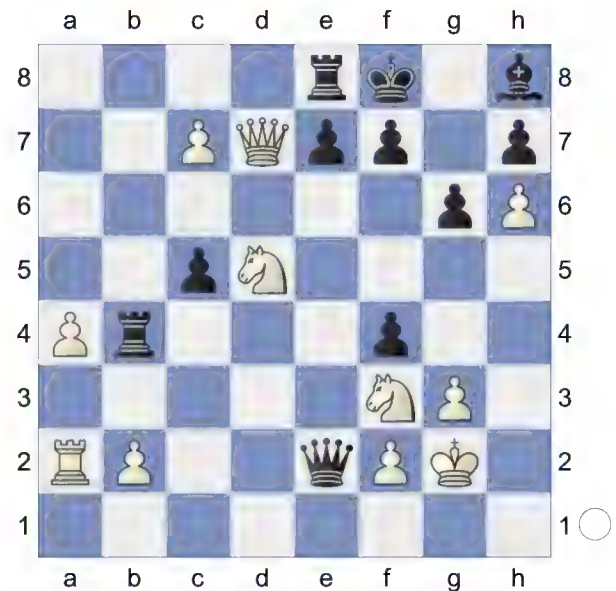
26.Qxd7 Qa6

(Diagram)



27.Nd5! Qxe2

[27...Qc8 28.Rxe7]



28.Qxe8+!! Remove Defender, Back
Rank, Promotion **28...Kxe8**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/
Black=1.48

29.c8Q#

1-0

36 **A58**
 ☐ **Bacrot, Etienne** **2707**
 ■ **Carlsen, Magnus** **2675**
 World Blitz Rishon Le Zion ISR (13) 7.9.06
[Kitty Kat]

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5 bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.Nf3 d6 8.g3
 Nbd7 9.Bg2 Bg7 10.Rb1 Nb6 11.b3
 Repels Bc4 11...Bc8 12.Nd2 0.27/23

[12.Nh4!± 0.72/22]

12...Bf5 1.08/22

[12...h5= 0.27/23 keeps the balance.]

13.e4± Bc8 14.0-0 0.64/21

[14.Bb2± 1.09/21]

14...Ba6!± 15.Re1 e5 is the strong
 threat. 15...Nfd7N 16.Bb2 0-0 17.Nf3
 Ne5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Qd2! Nd7
 20.Nd1 Qb6 1.17/19

[20...Bxb2 0.81/18 21.Rxb2
 (21.Nxb2 h5+-) 21...Ne5]

21.Kh1 0.15/19

[21.Bh3± 1.17/19 Bxb2 22.Rxb2
 (22.Nxb2 Ne5±; 22.Qxb2 Ne5=)]

21...c4 0.54/20

[21...Qb4= 0.15/19 22.Qxb4 cxb4]

22.bxc4 -0.01/20

[22.f4± 0.54/20 Bxb2 23.Rxb2
 (23.Qxb2 Nc5=)]

22...Bxc4= 23.Ne3 Qa6 0.47/19

[23...Bxa2= -0.01/19 should be
 considered. 24.Bxe5 Bxb1]

24.Bd4 -0.27/21

[24.Bxe5!± 0.47/19 Nxe5 25.Ra1]

24...Qxa2 25.Rb2 Qa6 26.Rc1 Rfc8

27.Ng4 -0.46/21

[27.h4= 0.01/21]

27...Bxd4 28.Qxd4 Threatening mate
 with Nh6+. 28...f6! 29.Rbc2 -1.03/20

[29.h4 0.42/20]

29...Bb3 0.17/20

[29...Be2! 0.03/20 30.Ne3 Nc5]
 30.Rxc8+ Rxc8 31.Rxc8+ Qxc8
 32.Qb2 Prevents Qc1+. 32...Nc5
 33.Ne3 Qa6 34.h4 Qd3 35.h5 -0.92/23
 Nxe4 36.hxg6 Black is more active. 36.hxg6
 -1.59/24

[36.Kh2! 0.66/23 Nd2 (36...Bxd5
 37.Qb8+ Kf7 38.Qh8±) 37.Qa1]

36...hxg6

[36...Bxd5 37.gxh7+ (37.Qb8+
 Kg7±) 37...Kxh7 38.Kg1=]

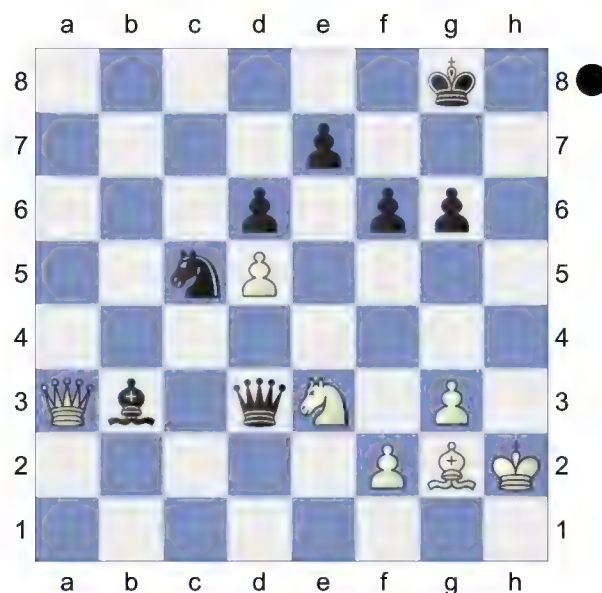
37.Kh2 -1.79/24

[37.Kg1 0.38/24 Nc5 (37...Bxd5
 38.Qb8+ Kg7 39.Qe8=; 37...Nxc3
 38.Kh2=) 38.Bf1]

37...Nc5!-+

[37...Bxd5 38.Nxd5 Qxd5 39.Qe2=]

38.Qa3



Qa6 -0.49/20

[38...Kf7!-+ -1.65/21 39.Qa8 Nd7]

39.Qb4 -1.44/20

[White should try 39.Qxa6! 0.49/20
 Nxa6 40.Bf3]

39...Qb7 -0.47/23

[39...Qc8 0.44/20 40.Kg1 Ba4]

40.Qg4 Kf7 41.Qh4 Kg7 Wards off
 Qh7+ 42.Qg4 Qd7 Prevents Nf5+.

43.Qb4 -1.46/21

[43.Qxd7!± -0.69/20 Nxd7 44.g4]
43...Qa4 -0.79/22
 [Better is 43...Qd8 -1.46/21 44.Bf3 Qh8+ 45.Kg1 Kf7]
44.Qb8 -1.88/22
 [44.Qxa4± -0.79/22 Nxa4 (44...Bxa4 45.Kg1=) 45.Kh3]



44...Qd4? -0.01/23
 [44...f5!-+ -1.88/22 and ...Qd4 would now be decisive 45.Qd8 Qa7]
45.Qd8!= Qe5↑ Black has some pressure. **46.Bh3 -4.71/24**
 [46.Ng4= -0.04/20 Qh5+ 47.Kg1]
46...f5!-+
 [46...Bxd5 47.Nxd5 Qxd5 48.Qxe7+ Qf7 49.Qxd6=]
47.Bg2 Ne4? -0.17/23
 [47...Nd3-+ -4.89/23 48.Kg1 f4 49.gxf4 Nxf4]
48.Bxe4? -2.55/26
 [48.f4= -0.17/23 and White stays safe. Qf6 49.Bxe4 fxe4 50.Qe8]
48...Qxe4= Endgame KQB-KQN. Black is a pawn up.
 [48...fxe4 49.Qe8±]
49.Qd7? -4.45/24
 [49.Qe8 -2.08/24 was called for.]

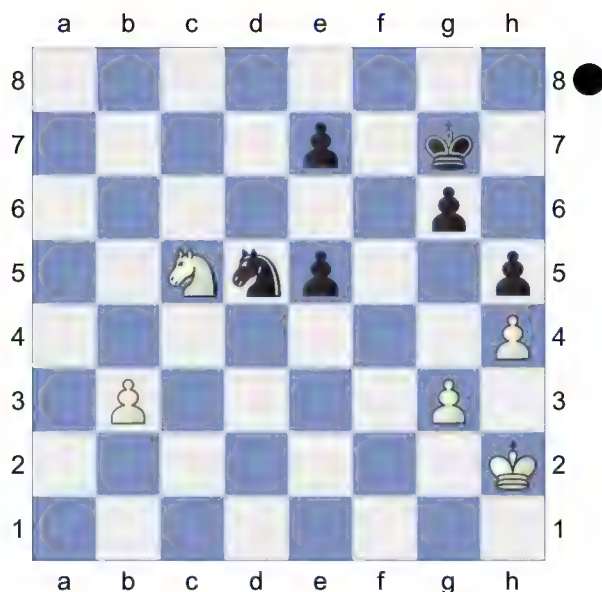
49...Kf7-+
 [49...Bxd5 50.Nxd5 Qxd5 51.Qxe7+ Kg8 52.Qf6=]
50.Qb5 Ba2 51.Qa5 Bb1 52.Ng2? -7.85/28
 [52.Qa1 -3.94/21 f4 53.Nf1]
52...Qf3 (-> ...Be4!). Black is clearly winning. **53.Qe1 Be4 54.Nh4 Qh5 55.f3 Bxd5**
 [And not 55...Bxf3 56.Qe6+ Kf8 57.Qc8+ Kf7 58.Qe6+ Ke8 59.Qc8+ Kf7 60.Qe6+=]
56.Qe3 g5 Pin 57.Qd3
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.70/ Black=0.43
57...Be6
0-1

37 **A57**
 □ **suyu28** **2704**
 ■ **Kakek-Zeus** **2794**
 Blitz 12.01.2024
 [Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.e3 axb5 6.Bxb5 g6N 0.99/23
 [6...Bb7± 0.55/23]
 [6...Na6 7.Nc3 Qa5 8.Nge2 Nc7 9.Bc4 Bb7 10.0-0 Qb4 11.b3 g6 12.Bd2 Ba6 13.Nb5 Qxb5 14.Bxb5 Bxb5 15.a4 Ba6 16.Rc1 d6 17.b4 Ncxd5 18.b5 Bc8 19.a5 Bg7 20.f3 0-0 21.e4 1-0 (29) Moravec,M (1730)-Vaclavik,J (1594) Cht4 div2B bd3 2000 (16)]
7.Nc3± Bg7 8.Nge2 White is better.
8...0-0 9.0-0 d6 10.a4 Ba6 1.04/21
 [10...Na6± 0.68/19]
11.Ra3 Nbd7 12.Bxa6 Rxa6 13.Nb5 0.45/22
 [13.e4± 1.00/20]

13...Nb6± 14.Nec3 Nfd7 1.77/18
 [14...Qd7± 0.40/20]
15.e4 1.36/20
 [15.Qe2+- 1.77/18]
15...Ne5 1.89/19
 [15...Nc4± 1.36/20]
16.b3 1.30/21
 [16.Qe2+- 1.89/19]
16...Ned7 2.06/21
 [16...c4± 1.30/21 17.a5 Nbd7]
17.Qe2+- Ra8 18.Bb2 Ne5 2.94/20
 [18...Nc8 1.99/17 19.Rb1 Qa5]
19.a5 Nc8 20.Rfa1 f5 21.f4 Nd7
22.Nd1 fxe4 23.Bxg7
 [23.Qxe4?! Nf6 24.Qe6+ Kh8±]
23...Kxg7 24.Qxe4 Nf6 25.Qd3 Na7
26.Nxa7 Rxa7 27.Ne3! Qd7 28.a6
Rb8 29.Nc4? -0.09/24
 [29.h3+- 2.12/22]
29...Qc8 30.h3 Rb4 0.43/19
 [30...Qf5= 0.01/22 31.Qxf5 gxf5]
31.Kh2 -0.13/24
 [31.Rd1± 0.43/19]
31...Qa8 32.Ne3 and Ra4 would now be
 decisive
 [32.Rd1!?]
32...Rxf4 33.Ra4 Rxa4 34.Rxa4 h5
35.Qc3? -1.98/23
 [35.Ra5= 0.23/21]
35...Rxa6+- 36.Rf4 -3.97/23
 [36.Qc2± -1.54/24 keeps fighting.]
36...Ra2 37.Qd3? -4.91/23
 [37.Qe1 -2.44/22 was the only
 defense.]
37...Qa6 38.Nc4 Qc8 -2.08/23
 [38...Qb7 -4.81/23 39.Qf3 Ra7
 (39...Nxd5? 40.Rf7+ Kh6 41.Ne3+-;
 39...Qxd5 40.Rxf6=)]
39.Rf3 Qg8 40.Ne3 Ra3 41.Rg3 Kh7
42.Rf3 -2.47/21
 [42.Nc2± -1.40/22 Ra2 43.Ne3]
42...Qg7 43.Nc4 -2.60/21
 [43.Nc2 -1.65/22 Ra7 44.b4]

43...Ra2 44.Re3? -5.38/19
 [44.Rf4 -2.04/20 is tougher.]
44...Ra7? -0.62/18
 [44...Qf7+- -5.38/19 45.Rf3 Qxd5
 46.Qxd5 Nxd5]
45.Re6± Qf7 -0.37/21
 [45...Kh8± -0.93/21]
46.Nd2! Ne8 47.Nf3? -3.03/26
 [White must play 47.Re4!± -0.39/18]
47...Qf4+-+ 48.g3 Ra2+ 49.Re2 Qf5
50.Qe3 Rxe2+ 51.Qxe2 Endgame
KQN-KQN. Black is a pawn up. 51...Qf6
 [51...Qxd5 52.Qxe7+ Ng7 53.Ng5+
 Kh6 54.Nf7+ Kh7 55.Nxd6=
 (55.Ng5+ Kh6=)]
52.h4? -4.24/23
 [52.g4 -2.13/20]
52...Kg7 -2.33/21
 [52...Kh8 -4.24/23 53.Ng5 Ng7]
53.Ng5 Nc7 54.Qe4 Qe5? -0.13/20
 [Black should play 54...Nb5+- -2.86/23
 55.Ne6+ Kf7]
55.Qxe5+= dxe5 KN-KN. Black is a
 pawn up. **56.Ne4 Nxd5 ...Kf7 is in the**
 air **57.Nxc5 -1.57/26**
 [57.Kh3!= -0.17/25]



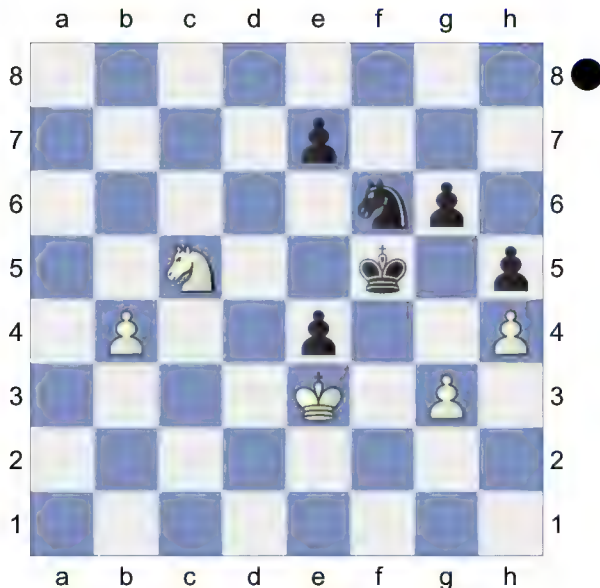
57...Kf6!± 58.Kg2 Kf5 59.Kf3 Nf6?

-0.08/24 Prevents Ne4.

[59...Nc3-+ -1.78/25 and ...e4+ should not be overlooked 60.b4 e4+ 61.Kf2 e5]

60.b4= e4+ 61.Ke3? -2.04/28

[61.Kf2!= -0.11/25 and White is okay.]



61...Ke5? -0.11/24

[61...Nd5+!-+ -2.04/28 62.Kd4 Nxb4 63.Nxe4 e5+ 64.Ke3 Nc2+ 65.Kf3 Nd4+ 66.Ke3 Kg4]

62.b5 Nd5+ 63.Kd2 Kd4 64.Ne6+ -0.49/30

[64.Nd7= -0.13/28 is more appropriate.]

64...Kc4? 65.Ng5? -6.21/30

[65.b6? -0.41/23 Nxb6 66.Ke3]

65...e3+-+

[Less strong is 65...Kxb5 66.Nxe4 Kc4 67.Ng5?]

66.Ke2 Kxb5 67.Kd3 Kc5 68.Nh3 -8.50/28

[68.Nf7 -4.95/29 Kc6 69.Ne5+ Kd6 70.Kd4]

68...e5? -2.38/28

[68...Kd6 -8.50/28 69.Ng1 Ke5]

69.Ng5 Kd6 70.Ke2 Ke7 71.Kf3 Kf6

72.Ne4+ Ke6 73.Ng5+ Kf5 74.Nh3 e4+ 75.Ke2 Kg4 76.Ng5 Kxg3 77.Nxe4+ Kxh4 78.Kf3 g5 79.Ng3 g4+ 80.Kg2 Nf4+ 81.Kh2 e2 82.Nf5+ Kg5 83.Nd4 h4 84.Nc2 Nd3 85.Nd4 e1Q 86.Nf3+ Kh5? 0.00/5

[86...gxf3 -#2/6 mates 87.Kh3 Qh1#]

87.Ng1?? -#2/6

[87.Nxe1= 0.00/5 g3+ (87...Nxe1 leads to mate. 88.Kg1 g3 89.Kf1 h3 90.Kg1 g2 91.Kh2 Kg4 92.Kg1 Nf3+ 93.Kf2 g1Q+ 94.Ke2 Qd4 95.Kf1 Qd1+ 96.Kf2 Qe1#) 88.Kg2 Nxe1+ 89.Kg1 g2 90.Kf2 h3 91.Kg1 Nf3+ 92.Kf2 g1Q+ (92...g1R 93.Ke3 h2 94.Ke4 h1Q 95.Kd5 Rc1 96.Kd6 Qe1 97.Kd7 Qe3 98.Kd6 Qe8 99.Kd5 Qe5#) 93.Ke2 Kg4 (93...h2 94.Kd3 h1Q 95.Kc4 Qd4+ 96.Kb3 Nd2+ 97.Kc2 Qb1#) 94.Kd3 Qc5 (94...h2 95.Kc4 Qb6 96.Kd5 h1Q 97.Kc4 Ne5+ 98.Kc3 Qc1#) 95.Ke2 Qc3 96.Kf2 Qe1#]

87...Qg3+ 88.Kh1 Both players deserved the win here.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.62/ Black=0.56

88...Nf2# Normal 0-1

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Andreikin,D

Germanovs,Georgijs

Titled Tue 29th Jul Late blitz (10)

[Kitty Kat]

A57

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A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.e3 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.a4 0-0 8.Nf3 d6 9.Ra3 axb5 10.Bxb5 Ba6 11.0-0 Bxb5

[11...Qc8 12.Nd2 Bxb5 13.axb5

Nbd7 14.Nc4 Qc7 15.Bd2 Nb6
16.Nxb6 Qxb6 17.Qb3 Qb7 18.Rfa1
Nd7 19.Rxa8 Rxa8 20.Rxa8+ Qxa8
21.Qa4 Qxa4 22.Nxa4 Kf8 23.b6
Ke8 24.b7 Chen,M-Aravindh,C
French Defence 2015]

12.axb5N 0.17/21

[12.Nxb5± 0.84/20 Na6 13.Nc3
(13.Re1 Ne4 14.Nc3 Nxc3 15.bxc3
Qa5 16.Bd2 Rfb8 17.e4 Rb2 18.h4
Rab8 19.h5 c4 20.hxg6 hxg6
21.Qe2 Qc5 22.Rea1 e6 23.dxe6
fxe6 24.g3 Rb1+ 25.Kg2 Rxa1
26.Rxa1 Rb2 27.Qe1 Qa5
1-0 (43) 6.g3 0-0; 7.Bg2 Re8;-
Dreiseitel,U Jugoslavija 85/(207) 2002
(2) 28.Qc1 Rb3 29.Nd4 Nc5 30.Bh6
Rb7 31.Bxg7 Kxg7 32.Qe3 Qa8
33.Rh1 e5 34.Nf5+ Kf6 35.Qf3 Ke6
36.Rh6 Rf7 37.Rxg6+ Kd7
38.Rxd6+ Kc7 39.Rd5 Nd3 40.Qh5
Qg8 41.Qh6 Nf4+ 42.Kg1 Nxd5
1-0 (43) Blechar,M-Clark,R CCLA
ch-1 8586 1985 43.Qd6+)]

12...Rxa3= 13.bxa3 Qa5 Inhibits a4.
The position is equal. 14.Qc2 0.19/22

[14.Qb3!± 0.68/22]

14...Nbd7 0.70/20

[Black should try 14...Nfd7= 0.19/22
15.Bd2 Bxc3 Remove Defender
16.Qxc3 (16.Bxc3 Qxb5 17.e4
Qa6+-) 16...Qxb5]

15.Bd2 -0.53/20

[Better is 15.a4± 0.70/20]

15...Nb6? 1.88/23

[15...Qxa3± -0.53/20 16.e4 Nb6]

16.a4+- Ra8 17.Rb1? -0.01/22

[17.Ra1+- 1.90/22]

17...Nfd7 0.74/20

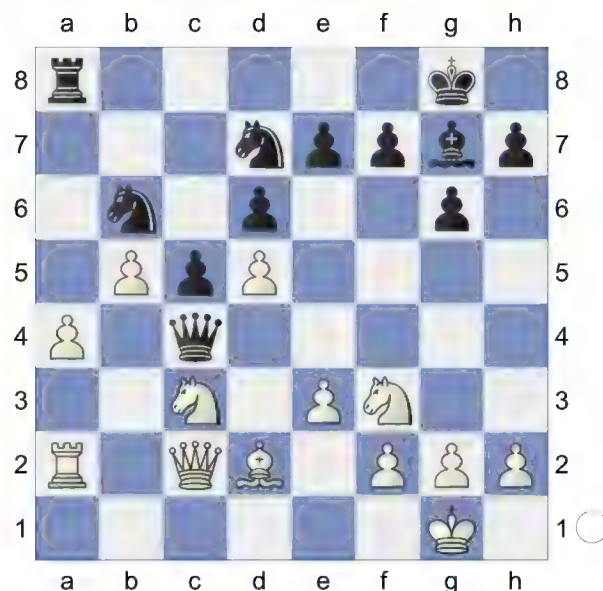
[17...Nc4!= -0.01/22 18.Ne4 Qxa4
19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Qxa4 Rxa4]

18.Ra1± Qb4 19.Ra2? -1.25/21

[19.Nd1± 0.70/20 Bxa1 20.Bxb4

cx b4 21.Nb2]

19...Qc4±



Black has more active pieces. 20.a5
Bxc3 21.Bxc3 Nxd5 22.Bd2 -1.76/19

[22.Be1± -0.94/22 Qxb5 23.Rb2]

22...Qxb5+- 23.Qe4 -2.96/21
Against Nb4

[23.Rb2± -1.43/19 was called for.
Nb4 24.Qe4 Qxa5 (24...Rxa5
25.h3±) 25.Bxb4 cxb4 26.Rxb4]

23...N7f6 24.Qc2 -3.66/19

[Δ24.Qa4 -2.48/21 Qxa4 25.Rxa4]

24...Nb4 25.Bxb4 cxb4 -1.62/22

[Δ25...Qxb4 -3.61/23 26.Ra4 Qb5]

26.Nd4 Qc5 -0.95/22

[26...Qa6+- -1.96/22 has better
winning chances. White must now
prevent ...Nd5. 27.Ra1 e5]

27.Qb1? -2.90/23

[27.Nb3± -0.95/22 Qb5 28.h3]

27...Nd5

[27...Rxa5? 28.Nb3 Qf5 29.e4 Nxe4
30.Nxa5+-]

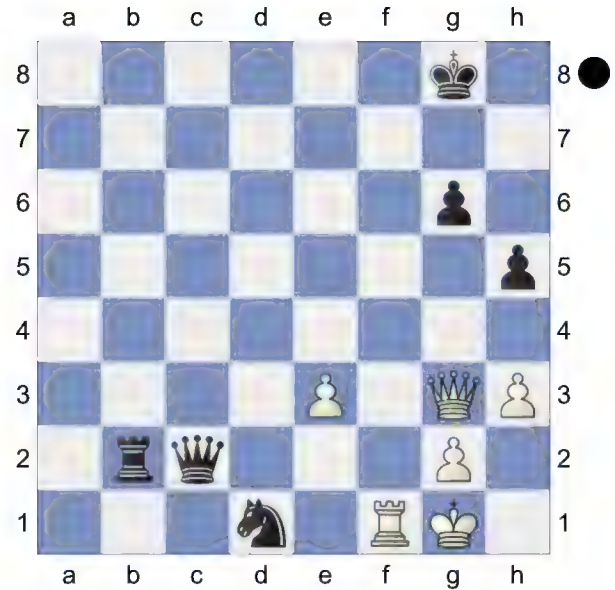
28.Nb3 Qc4 29.Ra1 -3.80/23

[Δ29.Rb2 -2.68/22]

29...Nc3 30.Qb2 White is weak on the
light squares 30...d5 31.h3 e5
32.Nd2? -4.93/21

[32.Kh2 -2.92/22]
32...Qb5 -2.90/21
 [32...Qe2 -4.93/21 33.Qxb4 Qxd2]
33.Nb3 -4.43/20
 [33.a6 -2.90/21 was forced.]
33...Qc4? 0.01/20
 [33...d4+ -4.43/20 34.exd4 exd4
 35.Nxd4 Qe5 36.Qxb4 Qxd4
 Remove Defender, Decoy (36...Ne2+
 37.Nxe2 Qxa1+ 38.Kh2) 37.Qxd4
 Ne2+ 38.Kf1 Nxd4]
34.Nd2!= Qe2 35.Qxb4 Qxd2 36.Kh2
-6.50/22
 [36.Qb7 -4.39/25 Ne2+ 37.Kh2
 Rxa5 38.Qb8+ Kg7 39.Qxe5+ Kh6
 40.Rxa5 Qxa5 41.Qe7]
36...Ne4+ 37.Qb7 Rxa5 38.Qb8+ Kg7
39.Qxe5+ Nf6 40.Rf1 Ra6 41.Kg1
Re6 42.Qa1 h5 43.Rd1 Qc2 44.Rxd5
Rb6 45.Rd1 Dodges Rb1 45...Rb2
46.Rf1 Ne4 47.Qa5 Nxf2 48.Qe5+
Kh7 (-> ...Nxb3+!) 49.Qg3 -9.00/22
 [49.Qd5 -4.11/23 Kh6 (49...Nxb3+
 50.Kh2) 50.Qa8]
49...Nd1? -0.90/22
 [49...Ne4+ -9.00/22 50.Rxf7+ Kh6]
50.Rxf7+ Kg8 51.Rf1 -8.38/20
 [51.Rf6 Kg7 52.Rd6 Qf2+
 53.Qxf2 Nxf2 54.Rd7+ Kf6 55.Rd4]

(Diagram)



51...Nxe3!-+ Double Attack 52.Rf8+
 [52.Ra1 Qxg2+]
52...Kxf8 53.Qd6+ Kf7 54.Qd7+ Kf6
55.Qd6+ Kf5 Black mates. 56.Qd7+
Ke4 57.Qe6+ Kd3 58.Qxg6+ Kd2
59.Qxh5 Kc1 60.Qg5
 Quite a comeback for Black.
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/
 Black=0.60
60...Qxg2+? 0.00/5 Loss on time!?
 [60...Qd1+ #5/12 mates 61.Kh2 Qf3
 (61...Rxb2+ 62.Qxb2 Nxb2 63.Kxb2
 Qd3 64.h4 Kd2 65.Kf2 Qe2+
 66.Kg3 Ke3 67.h5 Qf3+ 68.Kh2 Kf2
 69.h6 Qh5#) 62.Qxe3+ Qxe3
 63.Kh1 Qe2 64.h4 Qxg2#]

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39 **A59**
 □ SerbianJewDoubleBluf **2692**
 ■ Kakek-Zeus **2783**
 Blitz 20.01.2024
 [Kitty Kat]

A59: Benko/Volga Gambit: White castles
 by hand

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6

5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 g6 7.e4 d6 8.Nf3
Bxf1 9.Kxf1 Bg7 10.g3 0-0 11.Kg2
Nbd7 12.a4 Qb6 13.Qe2 0.63/19

[13.Ra3± 1.09/17]

13...Rfb8± 14.Rd1N 0.13/19

[White should try 14.Nb5± 0.91/19
Ne8

A) 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bxe7 Rb7
17.Ra3 (17.Nd2 Qa6 18.Nc4 Nb6
19.Bxd6 Nxc4 20.Qxc4 Nxd6
21.Qxc5 Nxe4 22.Qb4 Nf6
23.Rhd1 Rd7 24.Nc3 Rad8
25.Rac1 Qa8 26.Kg1 Rb8 27.Nb5
Rxd5 28.b3 Ne4 29.Qc4 Rf5
30.Rc2 Rc5 31.Qd3 Rxc2
(44) Chapter A50 A99-Games

Chapter A50-A99) 17...Ne5
18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Bh4 Nc7 20.f4
Bg7 21.Rc1 Nxb5 22.axb5 Re8
23.Rca1 Qxb5 24.Qxb5
1-0 Antonov,V-Spodny,J EU/FSM/
43 corr ICCF 1990;

B) 15.Nd2 Nc7 16.Nc4 Qb7
17.Nxc7 Qxc7 18.Qc2 Ne5
19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Rb1 Qb7 21.b3
Rxa4 22.Bf4 Rb4 23.Bxe5 dxe5
24.Qxc5 Rxe4 25.Qc6 Qb4
26.Rhe1 Rxe1 27.Rxe1 Qxe1
28.d6 exd6 29.Qxd6 0-1 (31)
Krylov,P (1609)-Mellema,A (2155)
Hoogeveen op 25th 2022 (2)]

[14.Bd2 Ne8 (14...Qb3 15.Rhb1 e6
16.Ra3 Qb7 17.dxe6 fxe6 18.Bf4
Qc6 19.Rd1 e5 20.Qc4+ Kh8
21.Ng5 Rf8 22.Bc1 Nb6 23.Qe6
Rae8 24.Qb3 h6 25.Nf7+ Rxf7
26.Qxf7 Nxe4 27.Nxe4 Qxe4+
28.Qf3 Qxf3+ 29.Rxf3 1-0 (43) 6...
c6 & 7...e5 57948 (2549)-Perkovic,
M (2451) Chapter 2 (3) (2) 15.Rhb1
Nc7 16.Nd1 Qa6 17.Qxa6 Rxa6
18.a5 f5 19.exf5 Nxd5 20.fxg6 hxg6
21.Ra4 Nb4 22.Ne3 Rb5 23.b3 e6

24.Bxb4 Rxb4 25.Rxb4 cxb4 26.Rc1
Nc5 27.Rc4 Bc3 28.Nd1 Nxb3
(58) 22. Annotated Games-#17
Nakamura,H]

14...Qa6!= Hoping for ...Qxe2. 15.Qe1
-0.27/19

[15.Qc2!± 0.50/18]

15...Ng4 Black has compensation. 16.h4
-0.74/19

[16.Ra3= -0.20/17 remains equal.]

16...h5± 17.Ra3 Rb4 Black has more
active pieces. 18.b3 -2.13/20

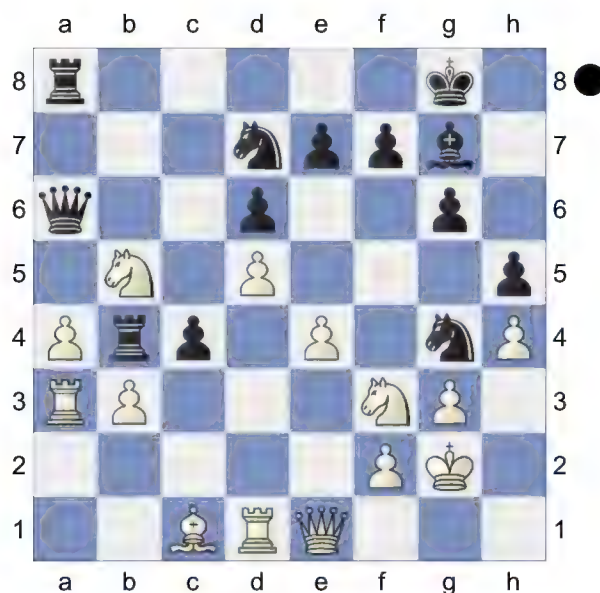
[18.a5± -0.77/19 was worth a try.]

18...c4 -0.76/20

[18...Bxc3+ -2.13/20 is more deadly.

19.Qxc3 Qe2 (19...Rxe4 20.Bf4=)]

19.Nb5



Qb6! 20.Nfd4

[20.Qxb4 Qxf2+ 21.Kh3 Qxf3+]

(Diagram)



20...Bxd4! Remove Defender

21.Rxd4?? -6.54/24

[21.Qxb4? is the wrong capture. Bc3
22.Ra2 Bxb4-+]

[21.Nxd4? -0.79/20 cxb3 22.a5]

21...Rxb5-+ Remove Defender. Black is clearly winning.

[Less strong is 21...Rxb3 22.Rxc4
Rxa3 23.Bxa3=]

**22.axb5 Rxa3 23.Bxa3 Qxd4 24.bxc4
Qxc4 25.Qb1**

Weighted Error Value: White=1.12/
Black=0.15 (very precise)

25...Qd4 -8.68/26 Time forfeit

[25...Nde5 -30.74/28 26.Bb2 Ne3+
(26...Qxb5? 27.Qc2-+) 27.Kh1 Qe2
28.fxe3 Nf3 (28...Qxb5? 29.Qc1-+;
28...Qxe3 29.Bxe5 dxe5 30.Kg2=)]

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■ VanuatuLover

Blitz

[Kitty Kat]

A57

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28.02.2025

Blitz 3min A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Qc2 b4
5.a4N**

[5.e4 d6

A) 6.h3 g6 7.Bg5 Bg7 8.Nd2 a5
9.Bd3 h6 10.Be3 g5 11.Ne2
Nbd7 12.Ng3 Ne5 13.Be2 e6
14.0-0 Ng6 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.Nh5
0-0 17.Nxg7 Kxg7 18.e5 Nxe5
19.f4 gxf4 20.Rxf4 Bb7
1-0 (40) Strick,E (2623)-Herrero
Crespo,M (2429) 17/482 Las
Palmas 1974 (3.3);

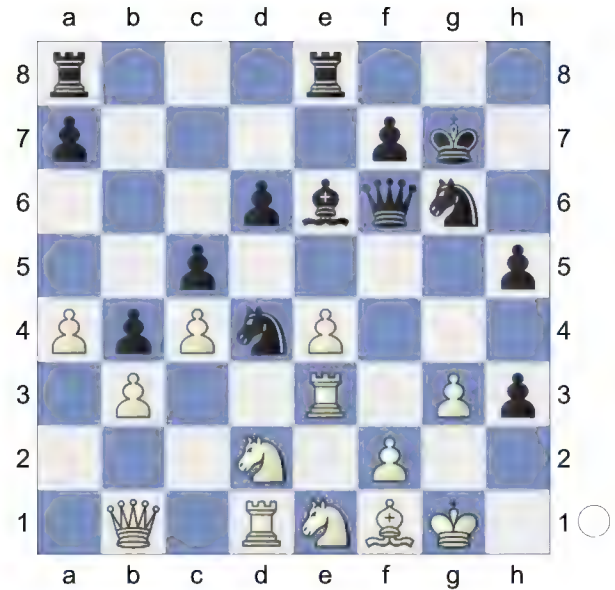
B) 6.Bd3 g6 7.Ne2 Bg7 8.0-0
0-0 9.Nd2 e6 10.Ng3 exd5
11.cxd5 Nbd7 12.Nc4 Nb6 13.Bf4
Nxc4 14.Bxc4 Re8 15.Rad1 a5
16.Rfe1 Bb7 17.h3 Qc7 18.Nf1
Nd7 19.Ne3 Ne5 20.Bb5 Rf8
1-0 (36) David,A (2404)-Arion,I
(1924) ROM-chT Blitz 2022 (3.14);

C) 6.f4 g6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.Bd3 0-0
(8...Bg4 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.0-0 a5
11.h3 Bxf3 12.Nxf3 Nfd7 13.Bd2
a4 14.Rae1 e6 15.e5 exd5
16.cxd5 Nb6 17.e6 Ra7 18.f5
27) Benko Gambit-Benko Gambit
3...b5 4.Qc2 b4) 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.h3
e5 11.fxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 dxe5
13.Be3 Nd7 14.Nd2 a5 15.a3
27) Benko Gambit-Benko Gambit
3...b5 4.Qc2 b4;

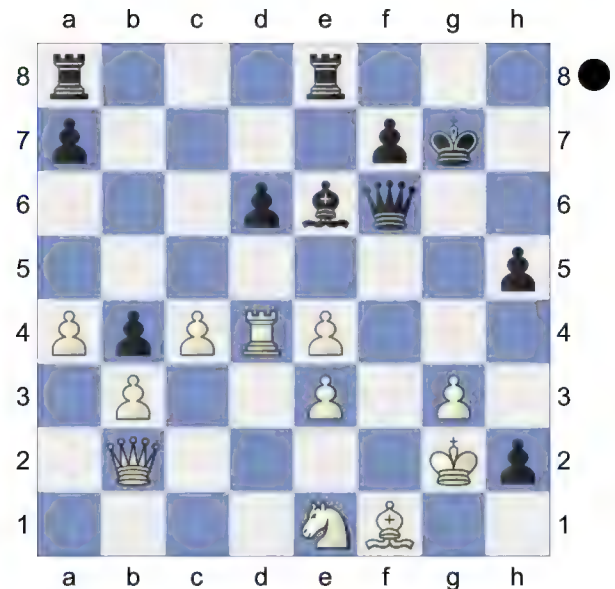
D) 6.a3 a5 7.axb4 cxb4 8.c5
dxc5 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bc4 g6
11.Nf3 Bg7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4
Ne8 14.e5 Bf5 15.Qe2 Nd7
8) Benko Gambit Declined 4.Qc-4.

Qc2 b4 5.e4 d6 6.a3 #2]
5...g6 6.b3 Bg7 7.Bb2 0-0
 White should prevent ...e6. **8.e4**
 The position is equal. **8...d6 9.Nf3**
-0.43/19
 [9.Bd3= -0.01/19]
9...e6 10.dxe6 -1.27/19
 [10.Bd3!= -0.05/19]
10...Bxe6 11.Bd3 -1.34/19
 [11.Nbd2 -0.92/18]
11...Nc6 12.0-0 Re8 -0.84/17
 [12...Nd7 -1.33/18 13.Bxg7 Kxg7]
13.h3 -1.47/20
 [13.Nbd2 -0.84/17]
13...Nh5 14.Nbd2? -4.24/22
 [14.Bxg7 15.Qb2+ Ne5 16.Nxe5]
14...Nf4? -1.47/20
 [14...Bxb2+ -4.24/22 has better
 winning chances. 15.Qxb2 Nf4]
15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Rfe1 Qf6 -1.39/20
 Prevents Qb2
 [16...Ne5+ -1.76/20 17.Be2 Nc6]
17.Bf1 g5 18.Rad1 -2.02/17
 [18.e5 19.Nxe5 dxe5 (18...Nxe5
 19.Nxe5 dxe5 20.Ne4 19.Ne4
 Nxe5 20.Ne4) 19.Ne4
 Nxe5 20.Ne4]
18...h5? 0.48/16
 [Better is 18...g4+ -2.02/17 19.hxg4
 Bxg4]
19.Re3? -2.95/18
 [19.e5! 0.48/16 was forced to keep a
 grip. dxe5 (19...Nxe5 20.Ne4)
 20.Ne4]
19...g4+ 20.Ne1 -3.91/19
 [20.g3 -2.43/17 Ng6 (20...Nxe5
 21.Bxh3 gxh3 22.Nh4 21.Nh2)
 21.Nh2]
20...Nd4 21.Qb1 -4.89/19
 [21.Qa2 -3.22/19 was worth a try.
 gxh3 22.gxh3]
21...gxh3 Black is clearly winning. 22.g3
Ng6

(Diagram)



...h2+! would now be deadly. **23.Ndf3**
Ne5 24.Nxd4 -7.96/21
 [24.Nh2 -4.30/20 h4 25.Nd3]
24...cxd4 25.Rxd4 Ng4 26.Qb2 h2+
27.Kg2 Nxe3+ 28.fxe3



h1Q+! Decoy 29.Kxh1 Qxf1+ 30.Kh2
Qxe1 31.Rxd6+
 Weighted Error Value: White=1.45/
 Black=0.30
31...Qc3
0-1

41 **A57**
 petrover 2682
 VanuatuLover 2723
 Blitz 27.02.2025
 [Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Qc2 b4
 5.e4 d6 6.a3 0.05/18

[6.f4± 0.42/17 was preferable.]

6...g6N

[6...a5 7.axb4 cxb4 8.c5 dxc5
 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bc4 g6 11.Nf3 Bg7
 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Ne8 14.e5 Bf5
 15.Qe2 Nd7 8) Benko Gambit
 Declined 4.Qc-4. Qc2 b4 5.e4 d6 6.a3
 #2]

[6...bxa3 7.Rxa3 g6

A) 8.Nf3 Nxe4 (8...Bg7 9.Nc3
 0-0 10.Be2 Na6 11.0-0 Nb4
 12.Qd1 Bg4 13.Bf4 a6 14.h3
 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 Nd7 16.Be2
 19) Benko Gambit-Benko Gambit: 4.
 Qc2 b4 #6) 9.Qxe4 Bf5 10.Qf4
 Bxb1 11.Ng5 Bf5 12.g4 f6
 13.gxf5 fxf5 14.Qxg5 19) Benko
 Gambit-Benko Gambit: 4.Qc2 b4
 #5;

B) 8.Nc3 Bg7 9.h3 0-0 10.Be2
 Na6 11.Bg5 Qb6 12.Nf3 Rb8
 13.Na4 Nb4 14.Qb1 Qc7 15.0-0
 e6 16.Re1 exd5 17.cxd5 Re8
 18.Nc3 Bd7 19.Nd2 1-0 Benkovic,
 P (2418)-Sokolov,I (2662) BIH tt
 Neum 2005 (8)]

7.axb4 cxb4 8.b3 -0.94/18

[8.Bd2= 0.25/17]

8...Bg7 9.Bb2 0-0 10.Nf3 Nbd7
 11.h3 -1.98/20

[11.Nbd2 0.75/18]

11...Nc5+ 12.Nbd2 a5 -1.28/17

[12...e5+ -1.80/17 Hoping for ...Nh5.
 13.dxe6 Bxe6 (13...Nxe6 14.Bd3 0.79/16

13...fxe6 14.e5 0.79/16]

13.Bd3 -2.68/18

[13.Be2 0.28/17 might work better.]

13...Bd7? -0.49/18

[13...Nxd5+ -2.68/18 14.Bxg7 Nf4]

14.Bd4 -1.91/20

[14.e5 0.49/18 dxe5 15.Bxe5]

14...Qc7 -0.48/18

[14...Nh5+ -1.91/20 15.Bxg7 Nxg7]

15.e5 -1.94/20

[White should play 15.0-0 0.48/18]

15...dxe5? -0.16/18

[15...Nxd3++ -1.94/20 16.Qxd3
 Nxd5 17.exd6 (17.cxd5 dxe5
 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 17...Nf4 18.Qxg6
 fxf6 (18...Qxd6 19.Qxg7#) 19.dxc7
 e5 Decoy (19...Nxg2+ 20.Ke2 0.79/16
 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 Remove Defender
 (20...Nxg2+ 21.Kd1 0.79/16; 20...Rae8
 21.Rxa5 Bxe5 Remove Defender
 22.Bxe5 0.79/16) 21.Bxe5 Nd3+ Discovered
 Attack (21...Nxg2+ 22.Kf1 0.79/16) 22.Ke2
 Nxe5]

16.Bxe5= Qb7 0.01/19 Black is more
 active.

[16...Qb6! 0.68/19]

17.0-0 a4 18.Bd4 Nxd3 19.Qxd3 a3
 20.g4 -0.67/19

[20.Rfe1= 0.09/20]

20...Rfd8 -0.01/17

[20...h5 0.67/19]

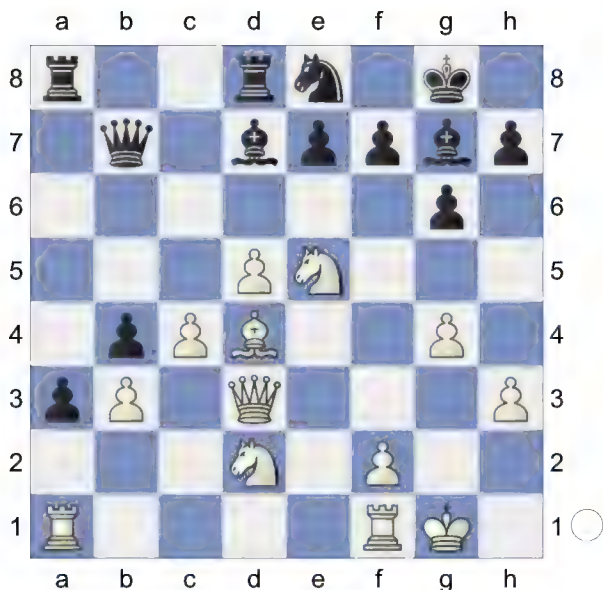
21.Ne5? -2.98/19

[21.Rfe1= -0.01/17 and White has
 nothing to worry.]

21...Ne8? 0.79/16

[21...Nxd5+ -2.98/19 22.Qf3 Pin
 Be6]

(Diagram)



22.Ne4 -0.25/19

[22.Rfe1!± 0.79/16]

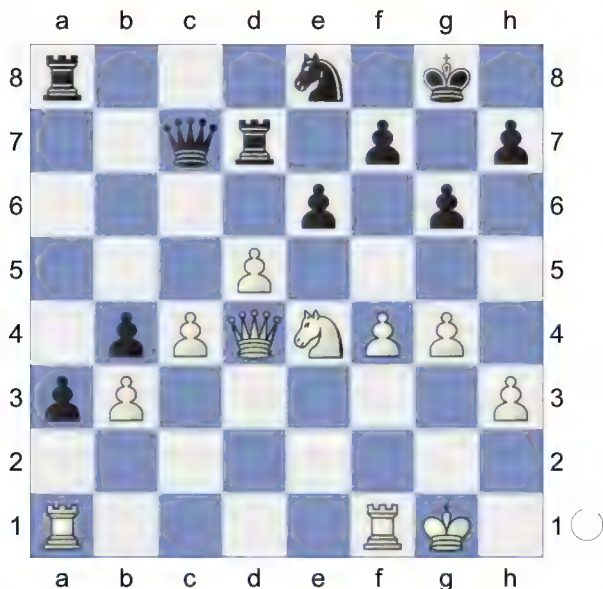
22...Qc7! 23.f4 -0.68/19

[23.Nxd7= -0.02/20 Rxd7 24.Bxg7 Nxc7 25.Rfe1]

23...e6!± 24.Nxd7 Rxd7 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 0.01/19

[Better is 25...exd5± -1.04/22 26.cxd5 (26.Nf6+ Nxf6 27.Bxf6 dxc4+-) 26...Kxg7 (26...Nxc7 27.Nf6+ Kh8 28.Nxd7±) 27.Qd4+ Kg8]

26.Qd4+= Kg8



27.d6± aiming for Rfd1. White is not

holding back **27...Rxd6 0.77/18**

[27...Qa7!= -0.01/17 keeps the balance. 28.Qxa7 (28.c5 Qb7±) 28...Rxa7]

28.Nxd6± Nxd6 1.27/20

[28...Qxd6± 0.54/18 29.Rfd1 Qc7]

29.Rfd1? -1.00/17

[29.c5± 1.27/20 is forced if you want to stay better. Nb7 30.Qxb4]

29...Nb7± 30.Qd7? -6.87/22

[30.Qf2± -0.59/18]

30...Qxd7+- 31.Rxd7

Weighted Error Value: White=1.01/ Black=0.61

31...Nc5!

0-1

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□ Tomashevsky, E

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■ Lagno, Kateryna

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Chess Stars 5.0 Blitz (1.2)

29.06.2025

[Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.b6 e6 6.Nc3 Nxd5 7.Nxd5 exd5 8.Qxd5 Nc6 9.Nf3 Rb8 10.e4 Be7 11.Bc4 0-0 12.0-0 Rxb6 13.Rd1 d6 14.Qh5 Be6 15.Bxe6 fxe6 16.Ng5 -0.40/18

[16.Qg4= -0.01/19 Qc8 17.Bd2 e5 18.Qxc8 Rxc8 19.Bc3 Nd4 20.Nd2 c4 21.Rab1 Kf7 22.g3 Ne2+ 23.Kf1 Nxc3 24.bxc3 Bd8 25.Ke2 Ke6 26.Nf1 Rcb8 27.Rxb6 Rxb6 28.Ne3 Rb2+ 29.Rd2 Rxd2+ 30.Kxd2 Bg5 31.h4 1/2-1/2 (36) Vyzmanavin, A (2605)- Khalifman, A (2655) Novosibirsk 161487 1995 (3)]

16...Bxg5± 17.Bxg5 Qd7N

[17...Qb8 18.b3 Nd4 3) Benko Gambit Half-Accepted-5. b6 e6 6.Nc3

#20]

[17...Qc7 18.b3 Nd4 19.Rd2 e5
20.Be3 a5 21.Rc1 Qf7 22.Qxf7+
Kxf7 23.f3 Ke6 24.Kf2 Rb4 25.Bxd4
exd4 26.Ke2 a4 27.Rc4 Rfb8
28.Rxb4 Rxb4 29.bxa4 Rxa4 30.f4
Ra3 31.Kf2 Re3 32.a4 (41) Model
Games-Krush,I]

18.Be3



Bxc5 would now be deadly. 18...Nd4!

19.Bxd4 cxd4 20.b3 -0.71/22

[20.Rxd4 -0.35/21 Rxb2 21.Rf1]

20...e5 21.Rac1 Rc6 22.Qe2 Rfc8

23.Rxc6 Qxc6 Endgame KQR-KQR

24.h3 -0.94/19

[24.h4 -0.57/20]

24...a5 -0.37/18

[24...h6 -0.94/19]

25.Qg4 -0.87/19

[White should play 25.a3 -0.37/18]

25...Qc2 -0.01/24

[Better is 25...Rf8 -0.87/19]

26.Rd3 -0.39/23

[26.Rd2 = -0.01/24 Qc1+ 27.Kh2]

26...Rf8 0.01/20

[26...Kh8 -0.39/23
is more appropriate.]

27.Qe6+= The position is equal.

27...Kh8 28.Rf3



Qc8 29.Qxd6 Rxf3 30.gxf3 Qc1+
31.Kh2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very
precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)

31...Qf4+
1/2-1/2

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Blitz

[Kitty Kat]

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A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 c5 2.d5 Nf6 3.c4 b5 4.Qc2 b4

5.e4 d6 6.a3 a5

[6...bxa3 7.Rxa3 g6 8.Nc3 Bg7

9.h3 0-0 10.Be2 Na6 11.Bg5 Qb6

12.Nf3 Rb8 13.Na4 Nb4 14.Qb1

Qc7 15.0-0 e6 16.Re1 exd5

17.cxd5 Re8 18.Nc3 Bd7 19.Nd2

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(2662) BIH tt Neum 2005 (8)]

7.Nf3N Threatening axb4.

[7.axb4 cxb4 8.c5 dxc5 9.Bb5+

Bd7 10.Bc4 g6 (10...e6 11.Bf4 Qb6

12.Nd2 exd5 13.exd5 Bd6 14.Bg5 Bc7 15.Ne4 19) Benko Gambit-Benko Gambit: 4.Qc2 b4 #2) 11.Nf3 (11.e5 Bf5 12.Bb5+ Nfd7 13.Qe2 Qb6 14.Nf3 Bg7 15.Nh4 Bxb1 16.Rxb1 0-0 17.Nf3 e6 8) Benko Gambit Declined 4.Qc2-4. Qc2 b4 5.e4 d6 6.a3 #1) 11...Bg7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bf4 Ne8 14.e5 Bf5 15.Qe2 Nd7 8) Benko Gambit Declined 4.Qc2-4. Qc2 b4 5.e4 d6 6.a3 #2]

7...g6 8.Be2 The position is equal.
8...Bg7 9.h3 0-0 10.0-0 Na6 11.Re1 e5 12.Be3 Kh8 13.b3 -0.47/17

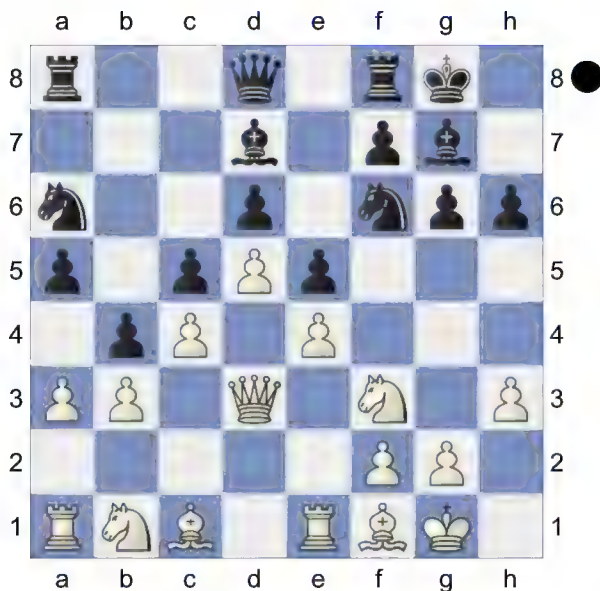
[13.Bd3= 0.01/17 is superior.]

13...Bd7 14.Bf1 Kg8 15.Qd3 -0.63/23

[15.Nbd2= -0.26/19]

15...h6 16.Bc1 -1.04/21

[16.Qc2= -0.27/20]



White is on the road to losing.
16...Nh7! 17.Nbd2 -1.17/21

[17.axb4 0.62/24 cxb4 18.Qc2]

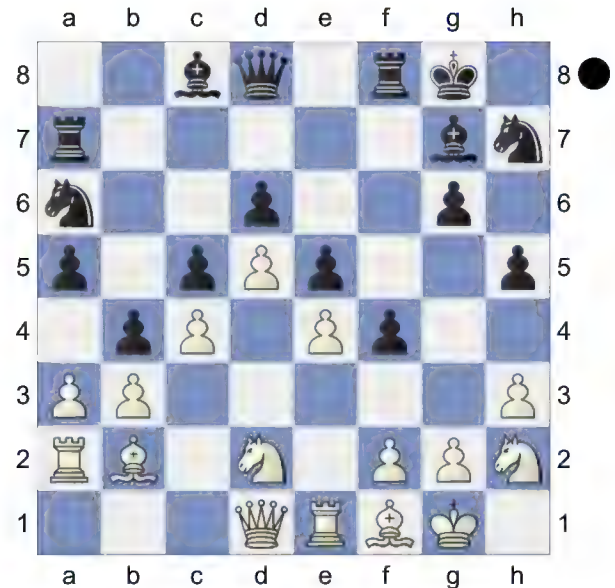
17...f5 18.Qc2 h5 19.Nh2 Ra7 20.Qd1 Bc8 Black is more active.

21.Ra2 -1.58/21

[21.Bd3 -1.17/21]

21...f4 22.Bb2 -1.73/21

[22.axb4 -1.30/22 cxb4 (22...Nxb4 23.Ra1 23.Bb2]



22...Bf6!+ 23.Be2 Rg7 24.axb4 Nxb4
[24...cxb4 25.Qa1=]

25.Ra1 Qb6 26.Bc3 Bd8 27.Rb1 -2.54/22

[27.Ndf3 -1.65/20 was necessary.]

27...Nf6 28.Ra1 Qb7 29.Kh1 -3.27/23

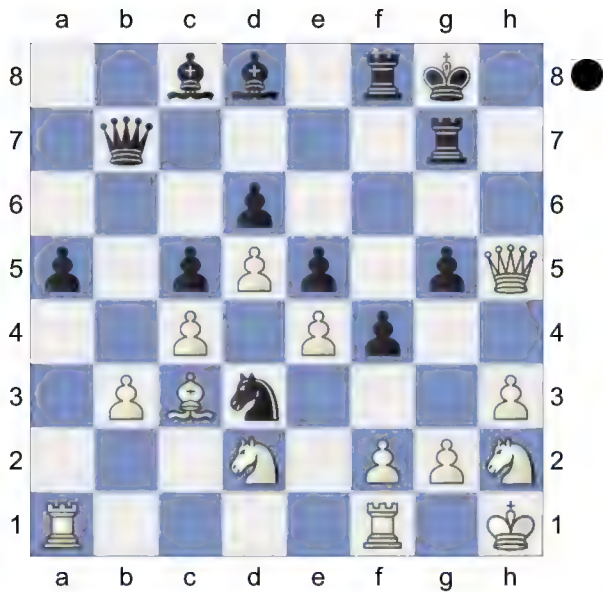
[29.Bxb4 -2.15/22 axb4 (29...Qxb4 30.Qc1=) 30.Kh1]

29...g5 30.Bxh5 Nd3

[30...Nxh5 31.Qxh5 Nc2 32.Rec1 Nxa1 33.Rxa1 33.Rxa1]

31.Rf1 Nxh5 32.Qxh5

(Diagram)



f3! White must now prevent ...fxg2+.
33.g3

[Worse is 33.Nhxf3 Nf4 34.Qh6 Bxh3+]]

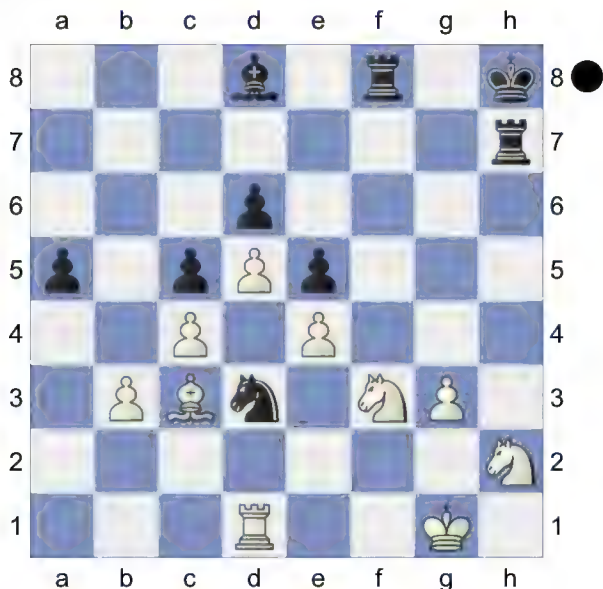
33...Rh7 Wards off Ndx3 **34.Qg6+ Qg7**
35.Qxg7+ Kxg7 36.h4 Bh3

[36...gxh4 37.g4#]

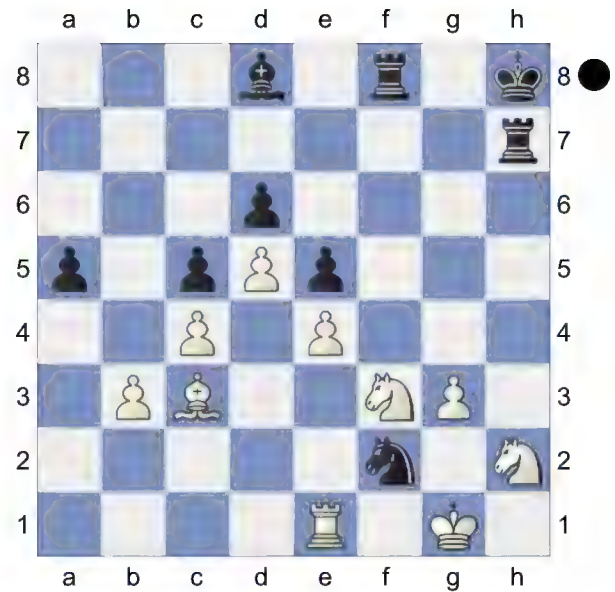
37.Ndx3 gxh4

[Not 37...Bxf1 38.Rxf1 gxh4 39.Kg2+]]

38.Kg1 Bxf1 39.Rxf1 Kh8 40.Rd1
hxg3 Discovered Attack **41.fxg3**



Nf2 Double Attack **42.Re1**



Ng4! Deflection 43.Re2 Nxh2 44.Nxh2
Rb7 45.Rb2 Bc7 46.Kg2 Rfb8 47.Nf3
Rxb3 48.Rc2 a4 49.Kh3 a3 50.Nd2
R3b7 51.Ra2 Ra7 52.Kg4 Bd8
53.Ba1 Rg7+ Skewer 54.Kf5 Rbb7
(-> ...Rbf7+) 55.Bxe5 Rbf7+ 56.Ke6
dxe5 57.d6 Rf6+ 58.Kd5? -13.41/27

[58.Kxe5= 0.00/5 Rg5#]

58...Rgg6 59.Kxc5 Rxd6 (-> ...Be7)
60.Kb4 Rb6+ 61.Kc5 Ra6 (-> ...Be7+)
62.Kd5 Rgd6+ 63.Kxe5 Bc7 64.Kf5
Rf6+ 65.Kg4 Rf2 66.e5 Bxe5
(-> ...Rg6+) 67.Rxa3 Rxa3 68.Ne4
Rf8 69.Kh4 Re3 70.Ng5 Rxg3 71.Ne4
Rc3 72.Nxc3 Bxc3 73.c5 Be5 74.c6
Kh7 75.Kg5 Bc7 -5.24/15

[Δ75...Rf4 #6/15 76.c7 Bxc7
77.Kh5 Kg7 78.Kg5 Be5 79.Kh5 Kf6
80.Kh6 Rh4#]

76.Kg4 Rf2 Black mates. **77.Kg5 Rf4**
78.Kh5 Bd8 79.c7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/
Black=0.00 (flawless)

79...Rh4# Normal

0-1

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□ Milov,V

■ Aveskulov,V

16th Chicago Open (6)

[Kitty Kat]

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28.05.2007

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

Inf 97/(37) 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5

4.Nf3 g6 5.cxb5 a6 6.b6 d6 7.Nc3

Nbd7 8.e4 Bg7 9.a4 a5

[9...Qxb6 10.a5 (10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0

Ne8 12.Nd2 Qd8 13.Nc4 Nb6

14.Ne3 Nc7 15.a5 Nd7 16.Nc4 Nb5

17.Na4 Nd4 18.Nab6 Rb8 19.Be3

Bb7 20.Nxd7 Qxd7 21.Nb6 Qd8

22.Bc4 Kh8 23.Rb1 e6 24.Qd3

exd5 0-1 (44) Kumar,S (1923)-

Mellema,A (2155) Hoogeveen op 25th

2022 (8)) 10...Qa7 11.Be2 0-0

12.0-0 Rb8 13.Nd2 Ne8 14.Nc4

Nc7 15.Na4 Nb5 16.Nab6 Nxb6

17.Nxb6 f5 18.exf5 Bxf5 19.Bg4

Qb7 20.Ra4 Nd4 21.Rc4 Bxg4

22.Qxg4 Nb3 23.Qe6+ Kh8 24.Rh4

(55) Milov,V (2652)-Anand,V (2788)

(m/2-rapid) 97/(37) 2005]

10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 Nxb6 12.Bg5N

[12.Bf4 Bg4 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3

Nfd7 15.Rb1 c4 16.Be3 Qc8

17.Qc2 Rb8 18.Nb5 Rb7 19.Bg4 h5

20.Bxd7 Nxd7 21.Rfc1 Ne5 22.b3

Nd3 23.Rd1 Nb4 24.Qxc4 f5

25.Qxc8 Rxc8 26.exf5 gxf5

1-0 (40) Nielsen,P (2620)-

Tseshkovsky,V (2545) Hastings 0203

78th 2002 (3) 27.Rbc1 Rbb8

28.Rxc8+ Rxc8 29.Bb6 Rc2 30.Bxa5

Na6 31.Bd8 Kf7 32.a5 Rb2 33.Nd4

Bxd4 34.Rxd4 Rxb3 35.Rf4 e6

36.dxe6+ Kxe6 37.Rh4 Nc5 38.Rxh5

Ra3 39.Rh6+ Kd7 40.Bb6

1-0 Payet,A (2620)-7. ♘f4 ♙d6 8. ♘gh5

(2545) (izt) 10/135 1970 (3)]

12...Ne8 13.Qd2 Nc7 14.Bh6

White is slightly better. 14...Ba6 1.01/21

[14...Bg4± 0.50/18]

15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Bxa6 Rxa6 17.Rfe1

f6 1.07/18

[17...Nd7± 0.63/18]

18.b3 White is more active. 18...Qd7

1.34/16

[♠18...Nd7 0.83/18]

19.Qc2 Raa8 20.Nd2 Rab8 21.h3

Rb7 1.37/16

[♠21...Qe8 0.88/17]

22.Qd3 Rbb8 23.f4 Rfd8 1.41/17

[♠23...f5 1.04/18]

24.Re2 0.76/18

[♠24.Rf1 1.41/17]

24...e6± 25.Rae1 0.51/21

[25.Nc4± 1.03/20]

25...Re8± 26.dxe6 Nxe6 27.Rf2 Nd4

0.87/18

[27...d5±

0.50/20

is more appropriate.]

28.Qg3 0.17/19

[28.Nb5!± 0.87/18]

28...Re7 1.46/17

[28...Nf5= 0.17/19 remains equal.

29.Qd3 (29.exf5? Rxe1+ 30.Kh2

Qxf5-+) 29...Nd4]

29.e5 0.46/19

[29.f5± 1.46/17]

29...f5 1.50/19

[29...Kh8!± 0.46/19]

30.Qh4? -0.01/19

[30.Nf3± 1.50/19]

30...d5 1.18/18

[30...Qd8= -0.01/19 31.Ne2 dxe5

32.Nxd4 cxd4]

31.Nf3 0.41/21

[31.Nb5± 1.18/18]

31...Nxf3+ 32.Rxf3 d4 33.Nb5 Nd5

34.Rc1 Rc8 35.Rf2 Re6 36.Rd2 Rec6

37.Qf2 Qe7 38.Qf3 Nb4 39.Nd6 R8c7

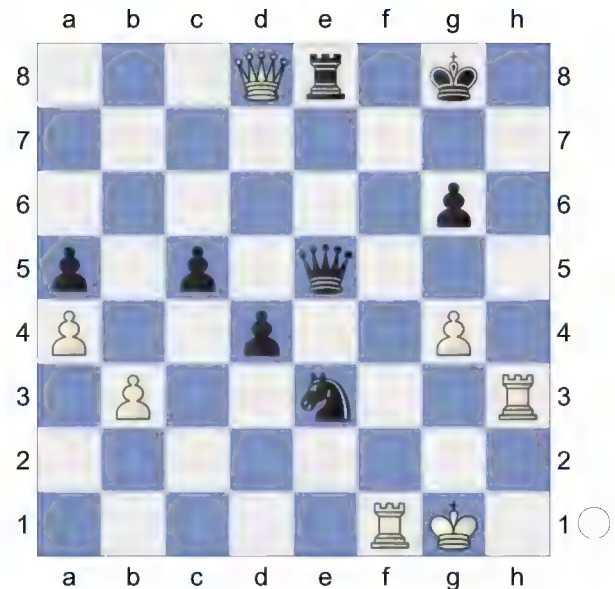
1.94/20

[Black should try 39...Rxd6± 0.63/19
40.exd6 Qxd6]
40.g4 0.50/21
 [40.Nc4!+- 1.94/20]
40...fxg4 1.97/24
 [40...Rxd6!± 0.50/21 41.exd6 Qxd6]
41.hxg4+- Rxd6 42.exd6 Qxd6
43.Rf1? -0.01/22
 [43.Re1+- 1.82/20]
43...Nd5= 44.f5 Rf7! 45.Rh2 Kg8
 [45...g5 looks sharper. 46.Re1 Ne3
 47.Rf2 h5]
46.Qe4 Re7 47.Qg2 Qe5 48.fxg6
hxg6 49.Rh3 And now Qf2 would win.
 [49.Qf3!? Qe3+□ 50.Kg2 Qxf3+
 51.Rxf3⚡]
49...Ne3? 3.98/26
 [49...g5= 0.01/24]
50.Qa8+- Re8 51.Qb7 Qe7 52.Qh1
-0.01/19
 [52.Rf7!+- 3.69/22 Qxb7 (52...Qxf7?
 53.Rh8+ Deflection Kxh8 54.Qxf7+-;
 52...Kxf7? 53.Rh7+ Ke6 54.Rxe7+
 Rxe7 55.Qc6+ Skewer, Double
 Attack Ke5 56.Qxc5+ Nd5
 57.Qxa5+-) 53.Rxb7]
52...Qe5= 53.Qb7 Really sharp!
53...Re7 4.20/29
 [53...Qe7!= -0.01/29 54.Rf7 Qxb7
 (54...Qxf7? 55.Rh8+ Deflection Kxh8
 56.Qxf7+-; 54...Kxf7? 55.Rh7+ Ke6
 56.Rxe7+ Rxe7 57.Qc6+ Kf7
 58.g5+-) 55.Rxb7 Nxc4]
54.Qc8+→ White attacks with force.
54...Re8

(Diagram)



55.Qd7 Re7 8.26/27
 [55...Qe7 2.78/26 56.Rf8+ Decoy
 Kxf8 57.Rh8+ Kg7 58.Qxe8 Qxe8
 59.Rxe8 Kf6]
56.Qd8+ Re8



57.Qh4
 [57.Qxa5? loses. Qe4 (57...Nxc4?
 58.Qa6+-) 58.Rxe3 Qxe3+
 (58...dxe3? 59.Qc7+-; 58...Qxc4+?
 59.Kh2+-) 59.Rf2 d3+- (59...Qxb3
 60.Qc7⚡; 59...Qg3+? 60.Kf1+-)]
 [Not 57.Qf6 Qxf6 58.Rxf6 Kg7±]
57...Re7 Against Qh7+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/
Black=0.84

58.Rf6

1-0

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A58

□ **Oparin, Grigoriy**

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■ **Puranik, Abhimanyu Sameer**

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Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Jan Early b..

[Kitty Kat]

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5
bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.e4
and e5 should not be overlooked **7...0-0**



8.a7! White is better. **8...Rxa7 9.e5N**
-0.01/20 An interesting side line.

Eine interessante Nebenvariante.

[9.Be2± 0.77/20]

[9.Nf3 e6 10.Be2 (10.dxe6 dxe6
11.Qxd8 Rxd8 12.Bb5 Bb7 13.Nd2
Na6 14.f3 Nb4 15.0-0 Ne8 16.Nb3
Nc2 17.Rb1 Nd6 18.Rd1 Nd4
19.Be3 Rc8 20.Bd7 Rc7 21.Nxd4
cxd4 22.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 23.Rxd4 Rxd7
24.Rbd1 Ra6 **1-0 (29) Babula,V**

(2594)-Ftacnik,L (2582) Slovensko 90/
420 2004) 10...exd5 11.exd5 d6
12.0-0 Na6 13.Nd2 Nc7 14.Nc4
Re8 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bh4 Ba6 17.Re1
Nb5 18.Nxb5 Bxb5 19.Qb3 Ba6
20.Bf1 g5 21.Bg3 Ne4 22.Na5
Qxa5 23.Rxe4 Rxe4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (139)
Jonas,M (2203)-Brenk,B (2403)
World Championship Match, 45th
Game 1985 (8)]

9...Ne8= 10.Nf3 d6 11.exd6 exd6N
0.63/17

[Vorgänger: 11...Nxd6 12.Be2 Nd7
13.0-0 Bb7 14.Re1 Ra8 **0.81/18**
(14...Nb6= **0.07/16**) 15.Bg5 Nf6
16.Bf1 Re8 **1.30/17** (16...Qb6±
0.56/18) 17.Qd2 Qb6 **1.46/16**
1-0 (52) Hammer,J (2619)-Shimanov,
A (2581) Chess.com INT 2022
(⚡17...Qb8 **1.08/17** 18.Bf4 Ba6)]
[11...Nxd6= **-0.03/22** 12.Be2 Nd7]

12.Be2± Bg4 1.32/18

[12...Nd7± **0.67/18**]

13.0-0± Bxf3 1.51/17

[⚡13...Nd7 **1.02/17**]

14.Bxf3 Nd7 1.72/18

[14...Rb7± **1.36/16** 15.Qc2 Be5]

15.Nb5+- Ra8 1.87/19

[15...Rb7± **1.43/19**]

16.a4 Qb6 1.99/20

[16...Nc7± **1.46/20**]

17.Ra2 Nc7 18.Be2 Rfe8 2.22/18

[⚡18...Rfb8 **1.70/17** 19.Ra3 Ne5]

19.b3 Nf6 2.32/19

[19...Re7 **1.92/19** 20.Bc4 Nxb5
21.Bxb5 Qd8]

20.Nxc7 Qxc7 21.Bb5 Re5 22.Bf4
1.45/19

[22.Bc6+- **2.51/18** Ra7 23.Re2]

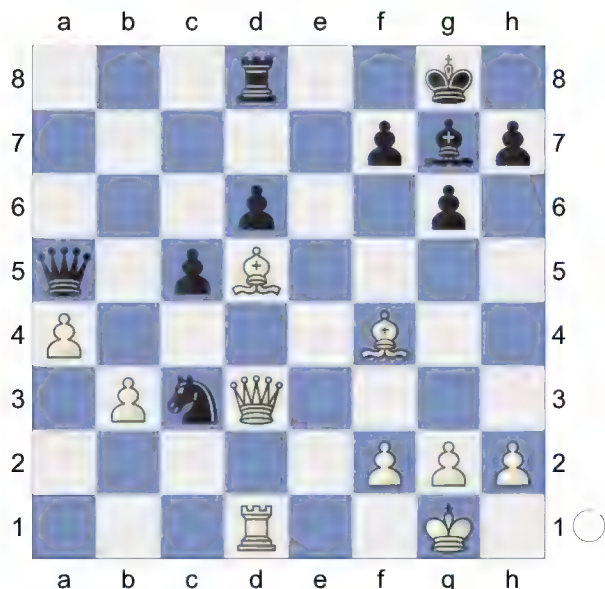
22...Rxd5 2.25/19

[22...Rf5± **1.45/19** was necessary.]

23.Rd2 0.88/20

[23.Qf3+- **2.25/19** is more deadly.

Ra7 24.Re2]
23...Rxd2± 24.Qxd2 Rd8 25.Rd1
0.36/16
 [25.Re1± 1.41/20]
25...Ne4± 26.Qd3↑ Black is under
 pressure. **26...Qb7 0.91/20**
 [26...Nc3!= 0.29/21 keeps the
 balance.]
27.Ba6 0.12/21
 [27.Qf3± 0.91/20]
27...Qa8 28.Bc4 0.05/20
 [28.Qd5± 0.46/19 Qxa6 29.Qxe4]
28...Nc3 0.66/21
 [Black should try 28...Bd4!= 0.05/20
 29.Rf1 d5]
29.Bd5 0.07/25
 [29.Rc1!± 0.66/21 d5 30.Bb5]
 Black cannot hold the game after this.
29...Qa5? 3.89/21
 [29...Nxd5= 0.07/25 and Black has
 nothing to worry. 30.Qxd5 Bd4
 31.Qxa8 Rxa8]



30.Bd2+- A strong pair of Bishops.
30...Qb4? 7.67/19
 [30...c4 3.53/20 31.Bxc4 (31.Qxc4?
 Qxd5 32.Qxd5 Nxd5-+) 31...d5]
31.Qf3 White is clearly winning. **31...Rd7**

8.30/22
 [♠31...Qd4 5.13/23]
32.Rc1 Re7 33.Kf1
 [Weaker is 33.Bxc3 Bxc3 34.Bxf7+
 (34.Qxc3? is the wrong capture. Qxc3
 35.Rf1 Re1-+) 34...Rxf7±]
33...Qa3 34.Rxc3 Qa2
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.58/
 Black=0.98
35.Re3
1-0

46 **A57**
 ♠ **Beliaevsky,Alexander G** **2668**
 ♣ **Halkias,S** **2560**
 15th Vidmar mem (3) 20.08.2003
 [Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.e3 Bb7 6.Nc3 Qa5 7.Bd2 axb5
8.Bxb5 Qb6 9.Bc4 e6 10.Nge2
 [10.Nf3 exd5 11.Qb3 Qxb3 12.Bxb3
 Be7 13.0-0 Na6 14.Rfd1 0-0
 15.Ne2 Nc7 16.Bc3 Ne4 17.Nf4
 Nxc3 18.bxc3 c4 19.Bc2 Ra3
 20.Bf5 Rd8 21.Rdb1 Bc6 22.Nd4 g6
 23.Bg4 Bc5 24.Nfe2 h5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (66)
Eljanov,P (2751)-Gashimov,V (2734)
Astrakhan FIDE GP 2010 (4) 25.Bf3
 Rda8 26.Rb2 Bxd4 27.exd4 Kf8
 28.h4 Ke7 29.Kf1 Kd6 30.Ke1 Nb5
 31.Kd2 R8a5 32.g3 Kc7 33.Bg2 d6
 34.Bf3 Ba8 35.Bg2 Bb7 36.Bh1 Kc6
 37.Rab1 Rxa2 38.Nc1 Rxb2+
 39.Rxb2 Nc7 0-1 (66) 8.g4 ♗g6 9.h4
 ♘bd7 64962 (2286)-Dignam,M (2527)
 USCCC-1 Final 7476 1974 (10)]

10...exd5 11.Qb3 Qc6N 0.29/19
 [♠11...Qxb3 -0.12/21 12.Bxb3 Na6
 13.0-0 Nc7 14.Rfd1 Bd6 15.Be1 0-0
 16.f3 Rfe8 17.Bf2 Be5 (17...Bf8

18.Nf4 c4 19.Ba4 Bc6 20.b3 Bb4
21.Nfe2 Bxa4 22.Nxa4 Ne6 23.g4
Ra5 24.Rab1 h6 25.h4 Rc8
26.Nac3 Ra3 27.Be1 Bc5 28.Bf2
Bb4 29.Be1 Bxc3 30.Nxc3 d4
31.exd4 Nf4 32.g5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (49)

Believsky,A (2656)-Caruana,F (2662)
17th TCh-Eur 2009 (9); 17...h6 18.Bc2

Bc6 19.Rab1 Be5 Chapter-Games
Chapter 4 Game 6) 18.Rac1 Bc6
19.Rd2 h6 20.Bc2 g6 21.Bb1 Ra5
22.Nd1 Nh5 23.b3 Na6 24.Nb2 Nb4
25.Nd3 Nxd3 26.Bxd3 Ng7 27.Bb1
Ne6 1-0 (67) Believsky,A (2625)-

Tseshkovsky,V (2455) URS-ch53 Kiev
1986 28.Bg3 Bf6 29.Bd6 Bg5 30.f4
Bf6 31.Kf2 Kg7 32.Ng1 d4 33.e4
Be7 34.Bxe7 Rxe7 35.g3 Nc7
36.Nf3 Bxe4 37.Bxe4 Rxe4 38.b4
Ra3 39.Rxc5 Ne6 40.Ra5 Rxa5
41.bxa5 d3 42.Rxd3 Ra4
1-0 (67) Believsky,A (2668)-Sermek,D
(2577) Vidmar Memorial 15th 2003
(9)]

12.Bb5= White has an edge. **12...Qc7**
13.Nf4 c4 14.Qd1 Bd6 15.Nh5↑
White fights for an advantage. **15...Nxb5**
16.Qxh5 Qc5 0.56/22

[16...0-0= 0.18/22 should be
considered.]

17.0-0 0-0 18.a4 Na6 19.Ne2 Rfd8
0.96/20

[19...Qc7± 0.38/19]

20.Bc3± Bf8 21.Nd4 0.81/20

[Δ21.Qg4 1.20/21]

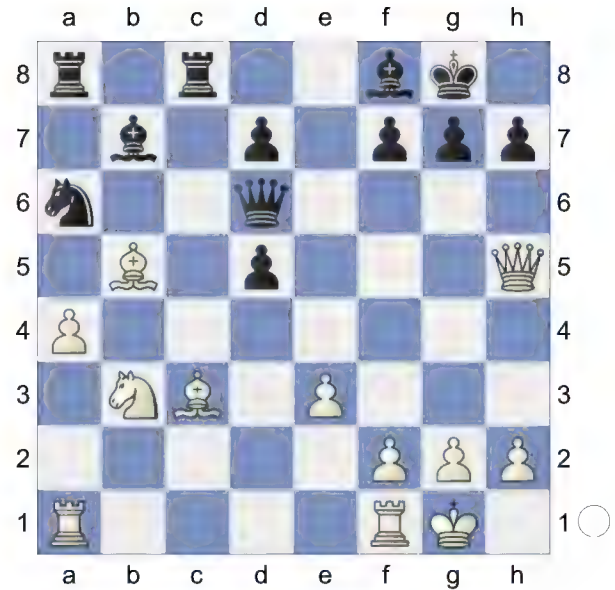
21...Qd6 22.b3 Bxa6 is the strong
threat. **22...cxb3 1.27/22**

[Black should play 22...Nc5± 0.63/19]

23.Nxb3 Rdc8 1.63/19

[23...Re8± 1.08/20 was called for.]

(Diagram)



24.Bb2 0.69/20

[24.Rfc1!+- 1.63/19]

24...Bc6!± 25.Ba3 White is much more
active. **25...Qg6 26.Qxg6 hxg6**

27.Rfc1 Bxa3 0.77/23

[27...Rcb8!= 0.25/24 remains equal.]

28.Rxa3± Kf8 29.h4 Ke7 30.Raa1
0.32/23

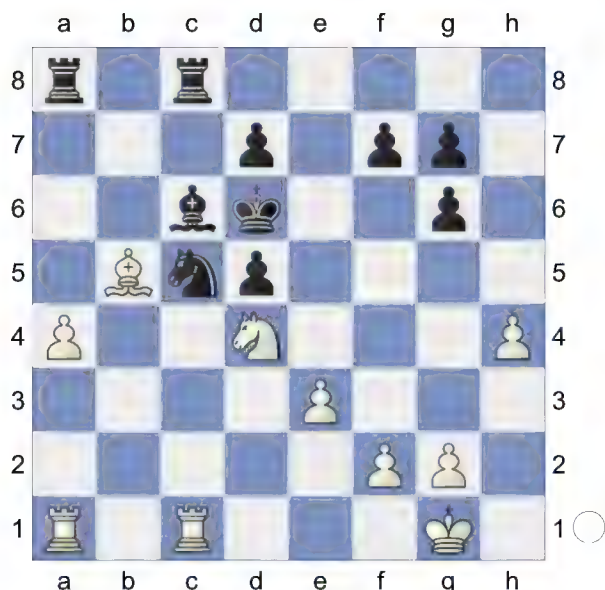
[30.Bf1± 0.95/23]

30...Kd6 0.86/22

[30...Bxb5± 0.32/23 31.Rxc8
(31.axb5 Nb4±) 31...Rxc8 32.axb5
Nb4]

31.Nd4 Nc5

(Diagram)



32.h5 -0.01/22 gxh5= 33.Nf5+ Ke5 34.Rxc5

[34.Nxg7 Nb3 35.f4+ Kf6 (35...Ke4 36.Rc3 $\bar{f}$) 36.Nxh5+ Kg6 37.Bxc6 dxc6-+]

34...Kxf5 35.a5 Ke6 and ...Kd6 should not be overlooked 36.Be2 Kd6 37.Rc2 g6 38.Rd2 Ke6 39.a6 White has compensation. 39...Rcb8 40.Ra5 Rb6 41.Kh2 Rb4 42.Kg3 Ra7 43.Rd4 Rb2 44.Bd3 Kf6 45.Kf3 Ke6 46.g3 The position is equal. 46...Kf6 47.Bf1 Ke6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)

48.Bd3

1/2-1/2

47 A58

□ **Shankland,S 2666**

■ **Cori Quispe, Kevin Joel 2464**

Titled Tue 10th Jun Late blitz (4) 10.6.25 [Kitty Kat]

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5 bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6

5.bxa6 g6 0.86/24

[5...e6!± 0.45/24]

6.Nc3± Bg7 7.e4 aiming for e5. 7...0-0

8.Bc4 White is better. 8...Qa5



9.a7! Qxa7 10.Nf3

[10.e5 Ne8 11.Nf3 Ba6 12.Qe2 d6 13.Bf4 Bxc4 14.Qxc4 Nd7 15.Qe2 Qa6 16.Qxa6 Rxa6 17.exd6 Nxd6 18.0-0 Rb8 19.Rab1 Rb4 20.g3 Rab6 21.Rfe1 Bxc3 22.Rxe7 Nf8 23.Ng5 Bf6 0-1 Prakash,G (2034)-4. ♘f3 c6 5. ♘c3 Qe7 6.d4 3 (2243) Piracicaba (rapid) 75/(49) 1999 (5)]

10...Ba6 11.Bxa6N 0.06/22

[11.Nd2± 0.69/23 d6 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.a4 Nb6 (13...Ne5 14.Bxa6 Qxa6 15.Nb5 Rfc8 16.b3 c4 17.Bb2 cxb3 18.Qxb3 Nfd7 19.Rfb1 Qa5 20.Bc3 Nf3+ 21.Nxf3 Bxc3 22.Ra2 Bf6 23.g3 Nc5 24.Qc2 Nxa4 25.Qd1 Rc4 26.Qb3 Rcc8 27.Nfd4 Bxd4 28.Nxd4 33. Benko Gambit Accepted: Ma-Mainline 5.bxa6 with 8.Bc4) 14.Bxa6 Qxa6 15.Qc2 18. Benko Gambit-Benko Gambit]

11...Qxa6= 12.e5 Ng4 13.Bf4 d6 14.exd6 exd6 15.Qe2 Nd7 aiming for ...Rfe8. 16.Qxa6 Rxa6 17.0-0 Rb8

Black has compensation. **18.Rab1 h6**

19.a4 -1.12/27

[19.Bd2 ♣ -0.39/25]

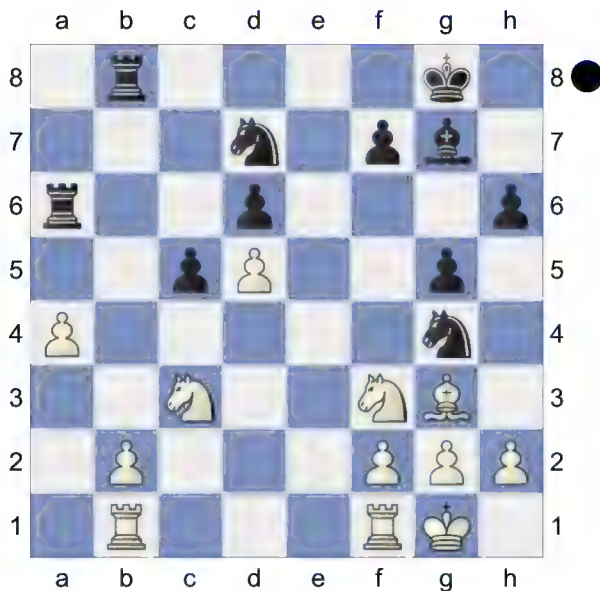
19...g5 -0.22/25

[19...Bxc3! ♣ -1.12/27 20.bxc3 Rxb1

21.Rxb1 g5]

20.Bg3 -0.94/28

[20.Bd2= -0.22/25]



20...f5 -0.23/25 Black is much more active.

[20...Bxc3! ♣ -0.94/28 21.bxc3 Rxb1 22.Rxb1 f5]

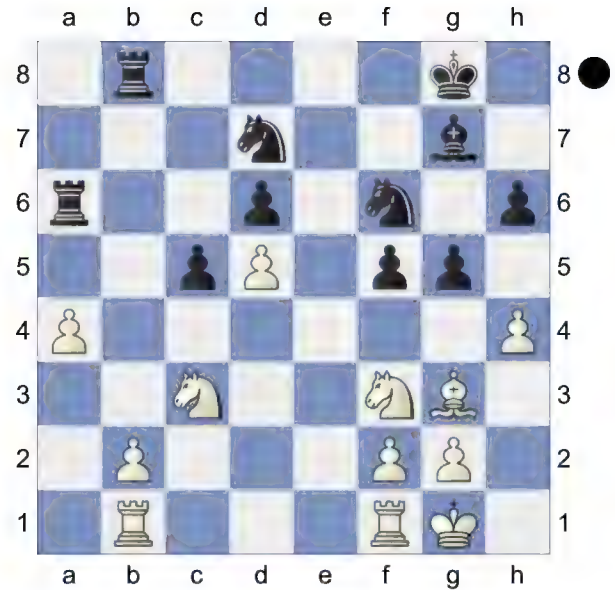
21.h3 Ngf6 -0.03/24

[21...Bxc3! ♣ -0.48/26 22.hxg4 (22.bxc3 Rxb1 23.Rxb1 Ngf6 ♣) 22...Rxb2 23.Rxb2 Bxb2 24.gxf5 c4]

22.h4? -2.22/25

[22.b3= -0.03/24]

(Diagram)



22...f4!+ This move loses the game for White. 23.Bh2 -3.86/24

[23.hxg5 ♣ -1.49/24 hxg5 24.Bh2]

23...g4 24.Nd2 Nh5 25.Ne2 -4.72/22

[♢25.Nde4 -3.27/22 Be5 26.Rfe1]

25...Rxa4

[25...Bxb2 26.Nxf4 g3 27.Bxg3 (27.Nxh5 gxh2+ 28.Kxh2 Rxa4 ♣) 27...Nxg3 28.fxg3 ♣]

26.b3 Rab4 27.Nc4 -5.04/22

[♢27.Rfe1 -3.57/20]

27...Be5

[27...Rxb3 28.Rxb3 Rxb3 29.Nxf4 Nxf4 30.Bxf4=]

28.Nxe5 dxe5 29.Nc1 c4 30.Ra1 cxb3 31.Nd3 Rd4 32.Nb2 g3 33.Ra7 gxh2+ 34.Kxh2 Rxd5 35.Rc1 Rd2 36.Rc6 Nhf6

[36...Rxb2? 37.Rxd7-+]

37.Nc4 Rc2 38.Nxe5 Rxc6 -13.18/20

[♢38...Nxe5 -#16/24 39.Rxf6 Ng4+ (39...Rxf2? 40.Ra1-+) 40.Kh3 Nxf2+ (40...Nxf6? 41.Ra6-+) 41.Kh2 Ng4+ 42.Kh3 Nxf6 43.g3 b2 (43...fxg3 44.Kxg3 b2 45.Kf4 b1Q 46.Re7 Qb4+ Skewer 47.Kf5 Qxe7 48.Kg6 Qe8+ 49.Kxf6 Rf2#) 44.Ra6 b1Q (44...b1B 45.Rxf6 Rf2 46.Rxf4 Bf5+]

47.Rxf5 Rxf5 48.Kg4 Rf2 49.h5
Rb4+ 50.Kh3 Kf8 51.g4 Rb3+
52.Kh4 Rh2#) 45.Rxf6 h5
(45...Qf1+ 46.Kg4 Qd1+ 47.Kxf4
Rc4+ 48.Kf5 Rb5+ 49.Kg6 Qh5#)
46.Rg6+ Kh7 47.Rg7+ Kxg7 48.gxf4
Rb3#]

39.Nxc6 b2 -15.53/21

[Δ39...Ng4+ -#20/25 40.Kh3 Nxf2+
41.Kh2 b2 (41...Ng4+? 42.Kh3-+)
42.Ra4 Ng4+ (42...b1B 43.Nxb8
Nxb8 44.Kg1#; 42...b1Q is a self
mate. 43.Ne7+ Kf7 44.Rxf4+ Kxe7
45.Rxf2 Qe1 46.Rf5 Rb4 47.Rf3
Ne5 48.Rf4 Rxf4 49.g4 Rf2+
50.Kh3 Qe3#) 43.Kh3 Ndf6
(43...b1R? 44.Kxg4 R8b2
45.Kxf4-+) 44.Ne7+ Kf7 45.Rxf4
Rb3+ (45...b1B? 46.Nd5-+) 46.Rf3
b1Q (46...b1B 47.Rxb3 Bc2
48.Rc3#) 47.Rxb3 Qxb3+ 48.g3 Qf3
49.Nc8 Qh1#]

40.Nxb8 b1Q

[40...b1B? loses. 41.Nxd7 Ng4+
42.Kg1+-]

41.Nxd7

Weighted Error Value: White=1.24/
Black=0.47

41...Ng4+

0-1

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□ Dreev,A

■ Kutuzovic,B

15th TCh-CRO (5)

[Kitty Kat]

A57

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26.09.2006

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.b6 e6 6.Nc3 Bb7 7.e4 exd5 8.exd5
d6 9.a4 a5 1.40/21

[Δ9...Qxb6 0.84/21 10.a5 Qd8]

10.Bb5± Nbd7 11.Nge2 1.00/21

[11.g4! 1.50/20]

11...Be7 12.0-0 White is better. 12...0-0

13.Re1 0.93/20

[Δ13.Ng3 1.50/24 Nxb6 14.Nf5
Nfxd5 15.Qg4 Bf6 16.Bh6 Bc8
17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Bxg7 Bxf5
19.Qxf5 Bxg7 20.Qxd5 Bxb2
21.Rae1 Qf6 22.Re4 Kh8 23.Re3
½ - ½ Novicevic, M (2557) -
Schockenbaeumer, D (2395) Krynica
(zt) 73/169 1998 (3)]

13...Nxb6



14.Nf4 0.81/17

[14.Ng3! 1.56/21]

14...Rc8N 1.23/17

[Δ14...Nbd7 0.81/17]

[14...Nfd7 15.Ra3 Bf6 16.Ne4 Be5
17.Rh3 Nf6 18.Nxf6+ Bxf6 19.Rxh7
1-0 Ortiz Elias, J (2416) - Verducci
Silvelo, S (2520) corr 7th PANAM Corr
TT 2000]

[14...Ba6 15.Bc6 Rb8 16.Nb5 Nc4
17.Bd2 Nxd2 18.Qxd2 Ng4 19.Nd3
Bf6 20.Re4 Ne5 21.Nxe5 Bxe5
22.f4 Bf6 23.Rae1 Bxb5 24.axb5
Bd4+ 25.Kh1 a4 26.Re7 g6 27.Ra7
Qf6 28.Rxa4 Bxb2 29.Rb1

0-1 (48) Terrieux, K (2332)-
Kryvoruchko, Y (2592) V Breizh
Masters GM 2007 (5)]

15.Qf3 0.86/19

[15.h3 1.23/17]

15...Nfd7 16.Bd2 White has more active
pieces. **16...Ne5 17.Qe4** 0.66/18

[Better is 17.Qe2± 1.23/18]

17...Bg5± 18.Rad1 g6 2.21/18

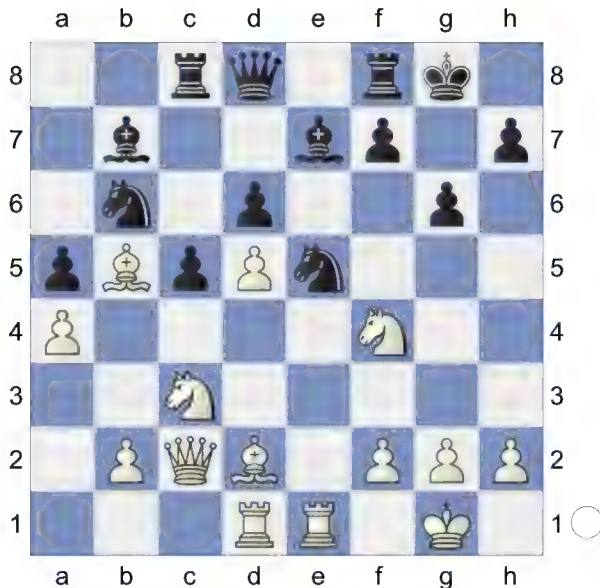
[18...h6± 0.82/17]

19.Qc2 1.25/17

[19.Qe2+- 2.21/18]

19...Be7 2.15/19

[19...c4± 1.25/17 20.Ne4 Bxf4
21.Bxf4 Nxd5 22.Bxe5 dxe5]



20.Ne4!+- Ra8 3.27/18

[Much worse is 20...Nxd5 21.Nxd5
Bxd5 22.Bh6±]

[20...Nbd7 1.91/19 21.Qc3 Ra8]

21.Bc3 Nbd7 22.Qd2 Bc8? 5.74/18

[22...c4 2.67/17 23.h3 h6]

23.Re2? 1.94/17

[23.Ne6 5.74/18 fxe6 24.dxe6]

23...Ra7? 4.37/19

[23...Nf6 1.94/17 24.Nxc5 Bg4]

24.Rde1 2.56/17

[24.Ne6 4.37/19 fxe6 25.Nxd6

(25.dxe6 Nb6=)]

24...Qb6 3.61/19

[24...Ba6 2.56/17 keeps fighting.
25.Bxa6 (25.Bxa5 Qb8=) 25...Rxa6]

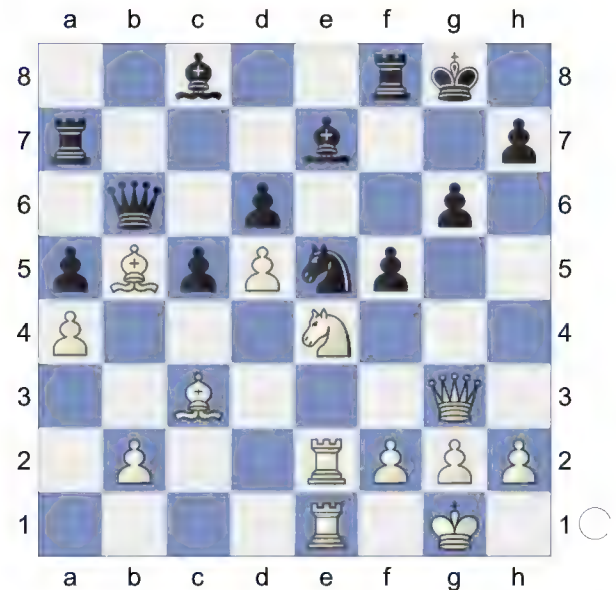
25.Nd3 Nxd3 5.60/20

[25...f6 2.98/18 26.h3 Rd8]

26.Qxd3 Bxd7 would now be deadly.

26...Ne5 27.Qg3 f5? 7.32/22

[27...c4 3.80/19 28.Bxe5 dxe5
29.Qxe5 (29.Bxc4 Bb4+-) 29...f6]

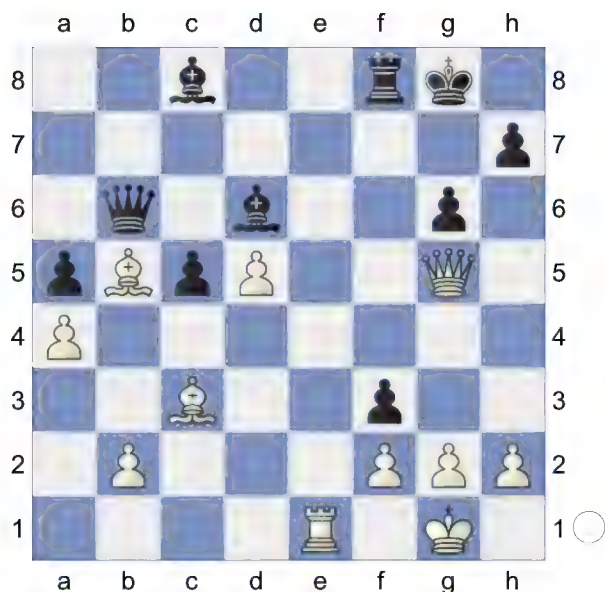


28.Nxd6! Bxd6 29.Rxe5 f4 10.07/20

[29...Qd8 5.19/19 30.f4 Qb6]

**30.Qg5 f3 31.Re8 Raf7 32.Rxf8+
Rxf8**

(Diagram)



33.Re7! Rf5

[33...Bxe7 34.Qxe7]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/
Black=1.77

34.Qh6

1-0

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□ **Bluebaum,M**

■ **Piliposyan,Robert**

Titled Tue 1st Jul Late blitz (3) 01.07.25
[Kitty Kat]

A58

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**A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5
bxa6**

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7**

(Diagram)



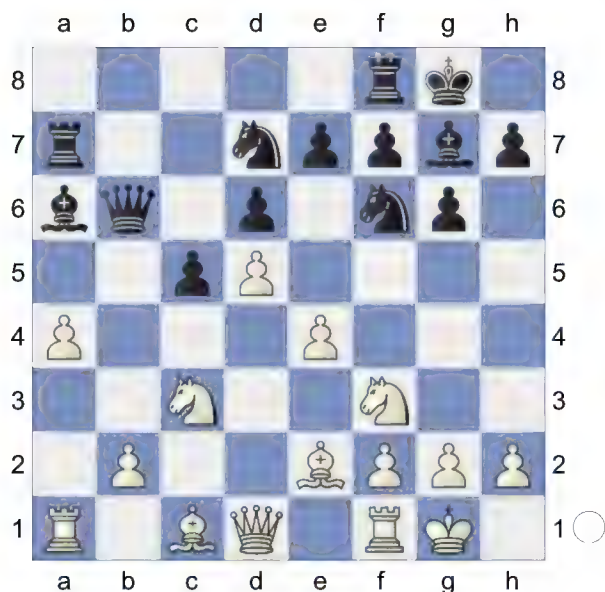
**7.a7! Rxa7 8.e4 White is better. 8...0-0
9.Nf3 d6 10.Be2 Ba6 11.0-0 Qb6
1.25/18**

[Δ11...Rb7 0.80/18]

[11...Qa5 12.e5 dxe5 13.Nxe5 Rd8
14.Bxa6 Qxa6 15.Qf3 Rb7 16.Re1
Rb4 17.h3 Qa8 18.d6 Qxf3 19.dxe7
Qd5 20.Nxd5 Rxd5 21.Nd3 Ne8
22.Nxb4 cxb4 23.Bf4 Nd7 24.Rad1
Ndf6 25.Be5 Rxd1 26.Rxd1
1-0 (30) L'Ami,E (2606)-Van Wely,L
(2658) NED-ch internet blitz 2016 (4.
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12.a4± Nbd7

(Diagram)



13.Ra3N

[13.Nd2 Ne5 14.Nb5 Raa8 15.Qc2 e6 16.dxe6 fxe6 17.f4 c4+ 18.Kh1 Nd3 19.Nxc4 Nf2+ 20.Rxf2 Qxf2 21.Be3 Qh4 22.Nc7 Ng4 23.Bxg4 Qxg4 24.Nxa8 Rxa8 25.Nxd6 Rb8 26.Qc7 Rf8 27.Qc2 g5 1-0 (40) Villafane Roca,H (2461)-8. ♔g2 ♜ce4 9.0-0 77381 (2137) Dublin 1993 (1) 28.f5 Be5 29.Nc4 Bb8 30.Rf1 Rc8 31.b3 Bb7 32.Qf2 Bxe4 33.fxe6 Qxe6 34.Bxg5 Bd3 35.Re1 Qg6 36.Be7 Qh5 37.Nd6 Re8 38.Qf6 Qd5 39.Nxe8 Qh5 40.Qg7# 1-0 Stefansson,V (2461)-Van Kessel, W (2137) Reykjavik op 2023 (1)]

13...Rb8 14.Bb5 0.53/21

[14.Nd2± 1.34/19]

14...Ng4 1.07/20

[14...Ne8!± 0.53/21]

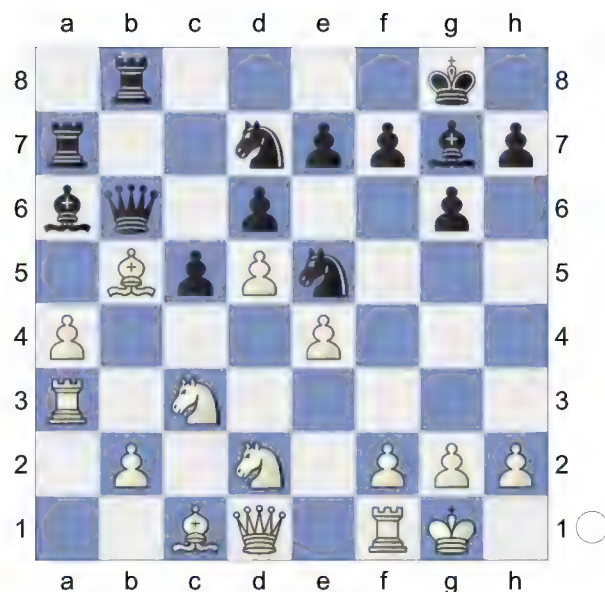
15.Nd2 0.65/19

[15.Bxa6± 1.07/20 Qxa6 16.Nb5]

15...Nge5? 3.92/17

[15...Bxc3± 0.65/19 16.bxc3 (16.Nc4 Qc7+-) 16...Bxb5]

(Diagram)



16.Qe2? 0.93/18

[16.f4!+- 3.92/17 is the precise move to win.]

16...g5 2.29/17

[16...c4± 0.93/18]

17.h3 Nf8 2.57/19

[♞17...h6 1.89/17 18.b3 Bc8]

18.Rb3 Bxb5 2.36/19

[♞18...Qa5 1.72/18 19.Nc4 (19.Bxa6 Rxb3 20.Nxb3 Discovered Attack Qxa6±) 19...Nxc4]

19.Rxb5+-

[19.Qxb5 Qxb5 20.Rxb5 Rxb5 21.axb5 Nfd7±]

19...Qd8 20.Rxb8 Qxb8 21.Nc4? 0.28/20

[Better is 21.b3+- 2.23/19]

21...Nxc4= 22.Qxc4 and Nb5 would now be decisive 22...Qb4 23.Qe2 h6 24.f4 gxf4 25.Bxf4 Ng6 26.Be3? -2.93/26

[26.Kh1= 0.01/23 and White is okay.]

26...Bxc3+- 27.bxc3 Qxe4 28.Qf2 Qxd5 -1.25/24 Active counter play!

[28...Rxa4 29.Qxf7+ Kh8 30.Qe8+ (30.Bxh6 Qe5+-)]

[28...f6+- -2.90/23 is more deadly. 29.Bxh6 Rxa4]

29.Ra1? -3.84/24

[29.Qc2+ -1.25/24]

29...Qb3 -2.04/23

[29...Rxa4 -3.84/24 30.Rxa4 Qd1+ 31.Kh2 Qxa4]

30.Bxh6? -3.66/22

[30.a5 -2.04/23]

30...Rxa4

[30...Qxc3 31.Qa2+]

31.Rf1 Ra2

[31...Qxc3 32.Qxf7+ Kh8 33.Rf5 (33.Qxg6 Ra1+-) 33...Qa1+ 34.Kh2+-]

32.Qf3 Qe6 33.Bg5 Ne5 34.Qg3 -4.85/23

[34.Qe4 -3.09/23 was worth a try.]

34...Qg6 White is weak on the light squares 35.Kh2 f6 36.Bxf6 -7.40/26

[36.Bf4 -4.90/23 Qxg3+ 37.Kxg3]

36...Qxg3+ 37.Kxg3 exf6 38.Rxf6 Endgame KRN-KR 38...Rd2 39.h4

Kg7 40.Re6 Ng6 41.Re8 Rd3+

42.Kg4 Rxc3 43.h5 Ne5+ 44.Kf4 Rc2

45.Re6 Rf2+ 46.Ke4 Rf6 47.Re8 Nf7

48.Kd5 Rf5+ 49.Kc4 Rxh5 50.Re3

Rg5 51.g3 Kf6 White must now prevent ...Ne5+. 52.Kb5 Ne5 (-> ...Rg4)

53.Ra3 Ke6 -13.70/30

[53...Rg4 -#21/32 54.Rb3 Ke7 55.Rb2 Rxg3 56.Re2 Ke6 57.Kb6 Rb3+ 58.Kc7 c4 59.Rh2 c3 60.Rh6+ Ke7 61.Rh7+ Nf7 62.Rh1 c2 63.Rc1 Rb2 64.Kc8 Ne5 65.Kc7 d5 66.Re1 Ke6 67.Rh1 d4 68.Rh6+ Kd5 69.Rd6+ Ke4 70.Re6 c1Q+ (70...c1R+ is a self mate. 71.Kd6 Rb6+ 72.Ke7 Rc7+ 73.Kf6 Rf7+ Deflection 74.Kg5 Rxe6 75.Kh4 Rg6 76.Kh5 Rh7#) 71.Kd8 Rb7 72.Rc6 Qa3 (72...Nf7+ 73.Ke8 Qxc6+ 74.Kf8 Qh6+ 75.Kg8 Qh8#) 73.Rc5 Nc6+ Back Rank 74.Rxc6 Qf8#]

54.Ra8 Rxg3 55.Re8+ Kd5

(-> ...c4) 56.Rh8 Rb3+ Black mates.

57.Ka4 c4 58.Rc8 Kd4 59.Ka5 c3

60.Ka4 Rb7 61.Ka3 Kd3 62.Rc7

Never resign too early!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.89/ Black=0.46

62...Rxc7

0-1

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A59

□ Bluebaum,M

2662

■ Tregubov,P

2551

Titled Tue 8th Apr Late blitz (3) 08.04.25

[Kitty Kat]

A59: Benko/Volga Gambit: White castles by hand

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6

5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.e4 Bxf1

8.Kxf1 d6 9.g3 Bg7 10.Kg2 Nbd7

11.Nf3 0-0 12.a4 Ra6 13.Qc2 Qa8

14.Re1 0.41/18

[14.Ra3± 1.21/17]

[14.Nb5 Rc8 15.Bd2 c4 (15...Nb6

16.b3 c4 17.a5 cxb3 18.Qxb3 Nbd7

19.Rae1 Nc5 20.Qd1 Nfxe4 21.Be3

Rxa5 22.Bxc5 Nxc5 23.Nbd4 Qxd5

24.Rxe7 Bf6 25.Re3 Ra2 26.Rhe1

Kg7 27.Nb5 Qxd1 28.Rxd1 Nb7

29.Rd2 Rxd2 30.Nxd2 0-1 (66)

Ruchinskaya,V (1880)-Khodko,Y

(2354) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th

Feb Late blitz 2025 (2) 16.Nfd4 Nxd5

17.exd5 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd5+ 19.f3

Qxd4 20.Bc3 Qd5 21.h4 Ne5

22.Qe2 Qd3 23.Qf2 h5 24.Rhe1

Qf5 25.Re4 Nd3 26.Qe3 e5 27.g4

hxc4 28.fxc4 Qe6 ½-½ (35)

Chigogidze,K (2711)-Ferragut,A

(2638) USSR (ch) 5/504 1967]

14...Rc8 1.28/18

[Black should try 14...Rb8!± 0.41/18]

15.Ra3 0.81/18

[Δ 15.b3 1.28/18]

15...c4± 16.Nd4N 0.81/16

[Better is 16.Be3 1.22/18 Ng4
17.Bd4 Nge5 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.Rd1
Qb7 20.Nb5 f5 21.Bxe5 Bxe5
22.exf5 gxf5 23.Qxf5 Bxb2 24.Rf3
Be5 25.Nd4 Kh8 26.Ne6 Raa8
27.Ng5 e6 28.Nf7+ Kg8 29.dxe6
Qe7 30.Nxe5 1-0 Bluebaum,M (2655)-
Christiansen,J (2629) Titled Tue 16th
Jan Early blitz 2024 (10)]

16...Nc5 1.59/17

[Δ 16...Ne5 0.81/16]

17.Nc6 Raxc6 1.70/16

[17...Qb7± 1.05/16]

**18.dxc6+- Qxc6 19.a5 Nd3 20.Re2
Nd7? 3.30/18**

[20...Nxe4 1.63/18 was necessary.
21.Nxe4 f5 Pin]

21.Nd5 Kf8 5.05/19

[21...Bf8 2.76/19 22.Bd2 Qa6]

22.Bg5 f6 23.Bd2



Hoping for a6. 23...e6 6.34/18

[Δ 23...Qa6 4.03/18 24.h3 h5]

24.Nb4 White is clearly winning.

24...Nxb4 25.Bxb4 Qa6 26.Rd2 Rc6

(Diagram)



27.Rxd6! Deflection 27...Rxd6

**28.Bxd6+ Qxd6 29.Qxc4 Ke7 30.a6
Nb6 31.Qb5 f5 32.a7 Bd4**

**Weighted Error Value: White=0.08
(flawless) /Black=0.90**

33.a8Q

1-0

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□ Bluebaum,Matthias

A58

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■ Rueda Rojas,Richard Alejandro

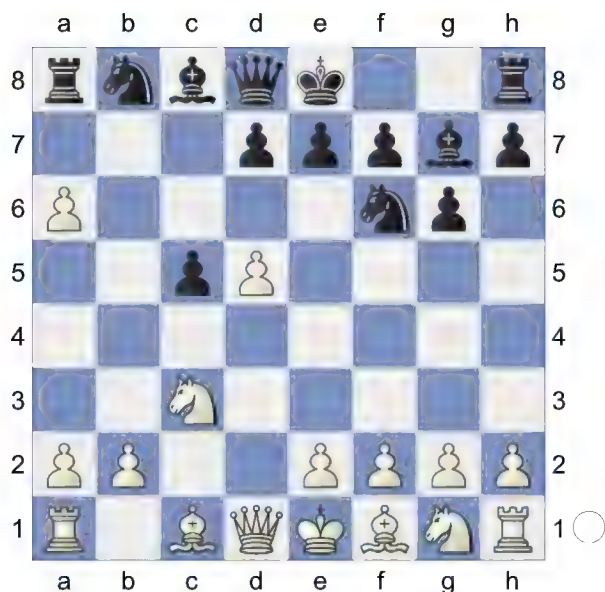
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[Kitty Kat]

**A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5
bxa6**

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7**

(Diagram)



7.a7! Rxa7 8.e4 White is better. 8...0-0 9.Nf3 Ba6N

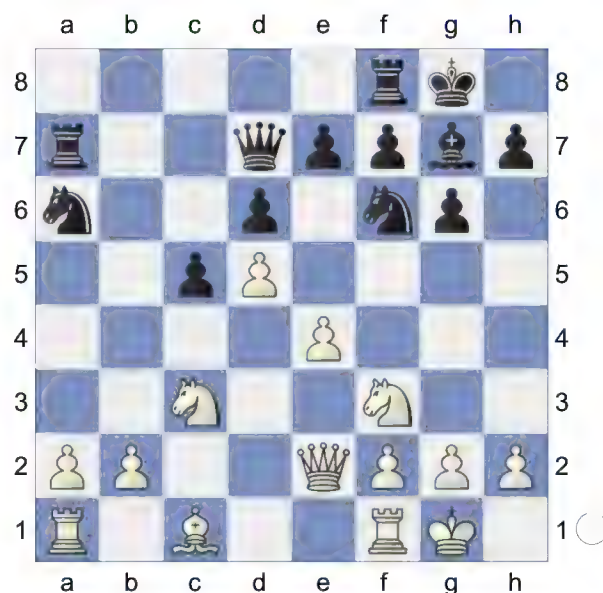
[9...e6 10.Be2 exd5 11.exd5 d6 12.0-0 Na6 13.Nb5 (13.h3 Nc7 14.Bf4 Rb7 15.Qd2 Nfxd5 16.Nxd5 Rxb2 17.Bg5 Rxd2 18.Bxd8 Nxd5 19.Nxd2 Bxa1 20.Rxa1 Rxd8 21.a4 Nc3 22.Bf1 d5 23.a5 c4 24.a6 Bd7 25.a7 Ra8 26.Bxc4 dxc4 27.Nxc4 Na4 0-1 (38) Ondersteijn,N (1676)-Merva,F (2065) 65/353 Groningen 1995 (1.17)) 13...Rd7 14.Bc4 Bb7 15.Qb3 Qa8 16.Rd1 Nc7 (16...Nb4 17.Bf4 Rfd8 18.Nc3 Na6 19.Qc2 Nc7 20.Qd3 Rb8 21.Rab1 h6 22.h3 Kh7 23.b4 Nh5 24.Bh2 Na6 25.a3 cxb4 26.axb4 Rc8 27.Ne4 Rxc4 28.Qxc4 Nc7 29.Nxd6 Bxd5 30.Qe2 Ne6 31.Qe3 1-0 (84) Bluebaum,M (2670)-Huschenbeth,N (2604) DSB Squad Challenge 2021 (2.3)) 17.Nxc7 Rxc7 18.Bf4 Rd8 19.a4 h6 20.Ra2 Re7 21.a5 Ba6 22.Bxa6 Qxa6 23.Qd3 Ra8 24.h4 0-1 (25) Stuart,G (2333)-Gibney,E (2400) WS MN/078 email 2012]

[9...d6 10.Be2 e6 11.dxe6 Bxe6 12.Ng5 Bc8 13.0-0 h6 14.Nf3 Qb6

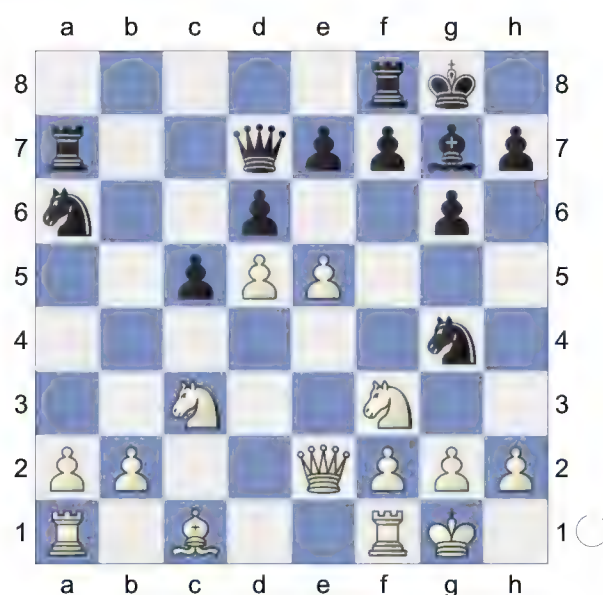
15.e5 dxe5 16.Nxe5 Ba6 17.Bxa6 Nxa6 18.Nc4 Qb8 19.Be3 Rd8 20.Qe2 Re8 21.Rad1 Nb4 22.Nd6 Re6 23.a3 Nc6 24.Qb5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (63) Doroschenko,M (2181)-Lock,W (1852) Dublin 1993 (4)]

10.Bxa6 Nxa6 11.0-0 d6 12.Qe2 Qd7 1.35/20

[Better is 12...Qb6± 0.62/18]



13.e5!± Ng4



14.exd6 0.49/17

[14.Bf4!± 1.18/20]

14...exd6± 15.Bf4 Re8 Black is now going downhill. 16.Qd2 Rb7 1.03/19

[16...Nc7± 0.65/18]

17.Rfe1 Rxe8+ would now be deadly.

17...Rbb8 1.83/19

[17...Reb8± 0.89/19 18.b3 Rb4]

18.Rxe8+- Rxe8 19.Re1 Rxe1+ 2.29/20

[19...Rb8± 1.33/19 20.h3 Nf6]

20.Qxe1 Nb4 2.60/20

[20...Nf6 1.93/20 was necessary. 21.a4 Nc7]

21.Qd2 Qf5? 4.62/22

[21...Nf6 1.99/18 22.h3 Ne8]

22.Bxd6 Nd3 23.Bg3 Bd4 6.31/19

[Δ23...Bxc3 4.28/20 24.Qxc3 Qxd5]

24.Nxd4 cxd4 25.Nd1 Nge5 26.d6 Nc4 27.Qe2 Nf4 28.Bxf4 d3 29.Qe8+ Kg7 30.d7 Qh5 31.f3

[31.d8R? Qxd1+]

31...Qc5+ 32.Be3 34.94/24

[Δ32.Nf2 #17/23 Qb6 33.d8Q (33.d8R Qxd8 34.Qxd8 h6 35.Bxh6+ Decoy Kxh6 36.Qh8+ Kg5 37.Ne4+ Kf4 38.Kf2 Ne3 39.g3+ Kf5 40.Qf6#) 33...Qxd8 34.Qxd8 h6 35.Qd4+ (35.Qxd3 g5+-; 35.Nxd3 g5 36.Be5+ Nxe5 37.Nxe5 f6 38.Qe7+ Deflection Kh8 39.Qxf6+ Kh7 40.Qg6+ Kh8 41.Nf7#) 35...Kh7 36.Nxd3 (36.Qxc4 Kg7 37.Qd4+ Kf8 38.Qd8+ Kg7 39.Be5+ f6 40.Qxf6+ Kh7 41.Qh8#) 36...g5 37.Qxc4 gxf4 38.Qxf7+ Kh8 39.Nxf4 h5 40.Ng6#]

32...Nxe3 33.Qxe3

[33.d8R gets mated. Nxd1+]

33...Qd6 34.Qd2 Qd4+ 35.Nf2 Qxd7 36.Qxd3 Qe6 37.Qc3+ Kg8 38.h4 h5 39.Ne4 Qb6+ 40.Kh2 Qb8+ 41.g3 Threatening mate with Nf6+. 41...Qb6 42.Nf6+ Kh8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/

Black=1.30

43.Nd7+

1-0

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A59

□ Bluebaum,M

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■ Germanovs,Georgijs

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Titled Tue 26th Aug Late blitz (11)

[Kitty Kat]

A59: Benko/Volga Gambit: White castles by hand

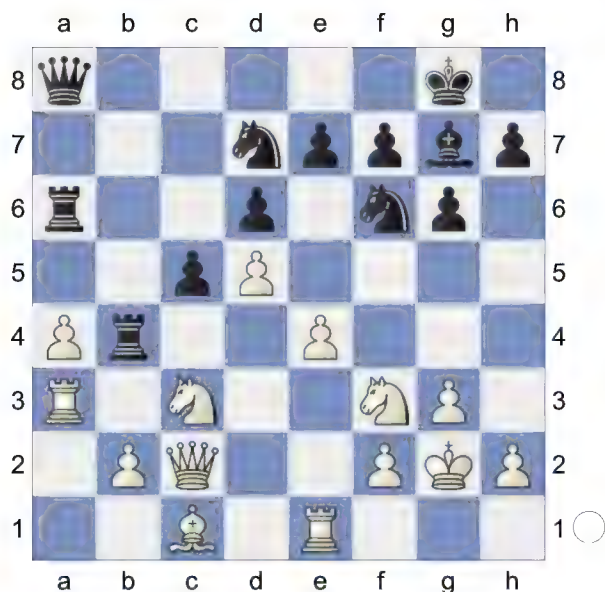
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[White should play 14.Ra3 1.28/17]

[14.Nb5 Rc8 15.Bd2 c4 (15...Nb6 16.b3 c4 17.a5 cxb3 18.Qxb3 Nbd7 19.Rae1 Nc5 20.Qd1 Nfxe4 21.Be3 Rxa5 22.Bxc5 Nxc5 23.Nbd4 Qxd5 24.Rxe7 Bf6 25.Re3 Ra2 26.Rhe1 Kg7 27.Nb5 Qxd1 28.Rxd1 Nb7 29.Rd2 Rxd2 30.Nxd2 0-1 (66) Ruchinskaya,V (1880)-Khodko,Y (2354) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Late blitz 2025 (2)) 16.Nfd4 Nxd5 17.exd5 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd5+ 19.f3 Qxd4 20.Bc3 Qd5 21.h4 Ne5 22.Qe2 Qd3 23.Qf2 h5 24.Rhe1 Qf5 25.Re4 Nd3 26.Qe3 e5 27.g4 hxg4 28.fxg4 Qe6 ½-½ (35) Chigogidze,K (2711)-Ferragut,A (2638) USSR (ch) 5/504 1967]

14...Rb8± 15.Ra3 Rb4

(Diagram)



16.Bd2! Nb5 would now be deadly.

16...Ng4N

[16...Nb6 17.Nb5 Rc4 18.Bc3 Rxa4 19.Nd2 Rxa3 20.Nxc4 Rxc3 21.Qxc3 Nfxd5 22.Qa3 Qxa3 23.bxa3 Nxc4 24.exd5 Kf8 25.a4 Na5 26.Na7 Bc3 27.Rb1 c4 28.Rc1 Bd2 29.Rc2 c3 30.Nb5 Ke8 31.Nxc3 1-0 (42) Wiesner,N (2547)-Csom,E (2369) 108/(120) Bursa 2010 (7) Bxc3 32.Rxc3 Kd7 33.g4 e5 34.dxe6+ Kxe6 35.Rh3 d5 36.Rxh7 d4 37.Kf3 Nb3 38.Rh8 Kd5 39.h4 Kc4 40.h5 gxf5 41.gxf5 d3 42.Rc8+ Kd4 1-0 Sumets,A (2547)-Pap,M (2369) San Cristobal de La Laguna op 4th 2022 (7)]

17.b3 0.26/19

[17.Rea1± 1.03/21]

17...c4!= 18.bxc4! Rxc4 19.Qa2 0.01/23

[19.Rb1± 0.37/21]

19...Qc8 Hoping for ...Nxf2!. **20.Nb5** -0.98/24

[20.Nd1± 0.36/20 keeps the upper hand.]

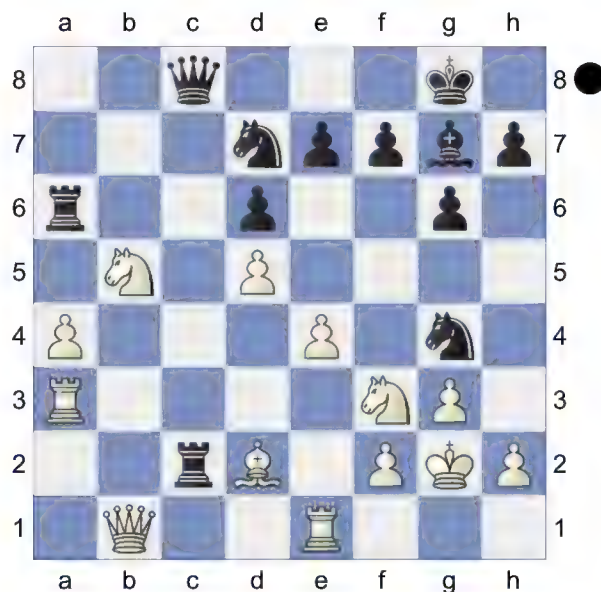
20...Rc2 -0.39/21

[20...Qc5± -0.98/24 21.Be3 Nxe3+

22.Rxe3 Rc2 (22...Nb6 23.a5±)]

21.Qb1 -1.22/21

[21.Rc3!± -0.39/21 Qxc3 (21...Rxa2? 22.Rxc8+ Nf8 23.h3+-; 21...Rxc3 22.Bxc3 Bxc3 23.Rc1=) 22.Nxc3 Rxa2 23.Nxa2]



21...Rb2!± 22.Rc1 -2.28/22

[22.Qc1± -0.78/19 Qxc1 23.Bxc1 (23.Rxc1 Rxb5 Pin 24.Rc7 Ngf6±) 23...Rxf2+ 24.Kg1]

22...Nc5+- 23.Qd3 Qb7

[23...Rxa4? 24.Rxa4 Nxf2 (24...Qe8? 25.Rxc5 dxc5 26.Ra5+-) 25.Rxc5 Qxc5 26.Ra8+ Bf8 27.Qc3 Qxc3 28.Bxc3+-]

24.Rxc5

[Not 24.Qc4? Rxb5 25.h3 Nf6+-]

24...dxc5 Now White is beyond hope.

25.h3? -3.02/21

[25.d6± -1.43/20 was called for. c4 26.Qxc4 exd6 (26...Rxb5? 27.dxe7 Deflection Qxe7 28.Qxb5+-) 27.Rd3]

25...Ne5 26.Nxe5 Bxe5 27.Rb3? -8.25/21

[27.Qe3 -2.25/19]

27...c4 Deflection. Black is clearly winning.

[27...Rxa4 28.Rxb2 Bxb2 29.Qb3 Rxe4 30.Qxb2-+]

28.Qxc4 Rxd2 29.Nd4 Qa7 30.Qc8+

Weighted Error Value: White=1.01/
Black=0.13 (very precise)

30...Kg7

0-1

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A58

□ **Bluebaum,M**

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■ **Piliposyan,Robert**

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Titled Tue 15th Jul Late blitz (4) 15.7.25

[Kitty Kat]

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5 bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7



7.a7! Rxa7 8.e4 White is better. 8...0-0 9.Be2 e6! 10.Nf3 exd5 11.exd5 d6 12.0-0 Ba6N 0.98/17

[Black should play 12...Na6± 0.46/17

13.Nb5 (13.h3 Nc7 14.Bf4 Rb7 15.Qd2 Nfxd5 16.Nxd5 Rxb2 17.Bg5 Rxd2 18.Bxd8 Nxd5 19.Nxd2 Bxa1 20.Rxa1 Rxd8 21.a4 Nc3 22.Bf1 d5 23.a5 c4 24.a6 Bd7 25.a7 Ra8

26.Bxc4 dxc4 27.Nxc4 Na4 0-1 (38) Ondersteijn,N (1676)-Merva,F (2065) 65/353 Groningen 1995 (1.17)) 13...Rd7 (13...Ra8 14.Bf4 Ne8 15.Bg5 Nf6 16.Bc4 Nc7 17.a4 Nxb5 18.Bxb5 Bb7 19.Qd3 Qc7 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Rab1 Bc8 22.Qd2 Bf5 23.Rbe1 Bd7 24.Bxd7 Qxd7 25.b3 Rfb8 26.Re3 Rb4 27.Rfe1 Rab8 28.Qd3 ½-½ (91) Ivekovic,T (2117)-Rak,M (1964) Skalica op-A 2023 (2)) 14.Bc4 Bb7 15.Qb3 Qa8 16.Rd1 Nc7 (16...Nb4 17.Bf4 Rfd8 18.Nc3 Na6 19.Qc2 Nc7 20.Qd3 Rb8 21.Rab1 h6 22.h3 Kh7 23.b4 Nh5 24.Bh2 Na6 25.a3 cxb4 26.axb4 Rc8 27.Ne4 Rxc4 28.Qxc4 Nc7 29.Nxd6 Bxd5 30.Qe2 Ne6 31.Qe3 1-0 (84) Bluebaum,M (2670)-Huschenbeth,N (2604) DSB Squad Challenge 2021 (2.3)) 17.Nxc7 Rxc7 18.Bf4 Rd8 19.a4 h6 20.Ra2 Re7 21.a5 Ba6 22.Bxa6 Qxa6 23.Qd3 Ra8 24.h4 Rb7 25.g3 Rb4 0-1 Stuart,G (2333)-Gibney,E (2400) WS MN/078 email 2012]

13.Nb5 Re7 1.29/18

[13...Bxb5 0.73/18 14.Bxb5 Na6]

14.a4 0.27/17

[14.Bc4!± 1.29/18]

14...Ne4 1.53/17

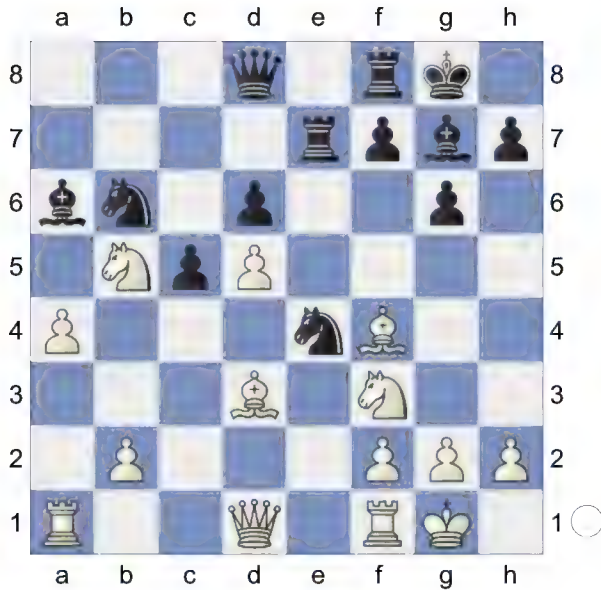
[14...Nxd5= 0.27/17 keeps the balance. 15.Qxd5 Rxe2]

15.Bd3 Nd7 16.Bf4 0.24/19

[16.Na7± 1.51/17 Qa8 17.Nc6]

16...Nb6=

(Diagram)



17.Nbd4! cxd4

[17...Bxd4? 18.Nxd4 (18.Bxa6 Bxb2 19.a5 Nd7=) 18...cxd4 (18...Bxd3? 19.Nc6+-) 19.Bxa6 Nxd5 20.Bh6±]

[17...Bxd3?! 18.Nc6 Nxd5 19.Bc1± (19.Nxd8 Nxf4 20.Nc6 Rc7=)]

18.Bxa6 Nxd5 19.Bg3 aiming for Bh4.

A strong pair of Bishops. **19...Qb6**

20.Bc4 Nb4 21.a5 -0.31/20

[Better is 21.Bb5± 0.33/19]

21...Qc5 22.Bd3 Ra8 0.01/20

[22...d5± -0.35/19]

23.a6 -0.74/18

[23.Bxe4= 0.01/20 Rxe4 24.Qa4]

23...Nxg3 -0.01/22

[23...d5!± -0.74/18]

24.hxg3 Rea7 25.Qb3 Nxd3

Deflection **26.Qxd3 Qb6 27.Rfd1**

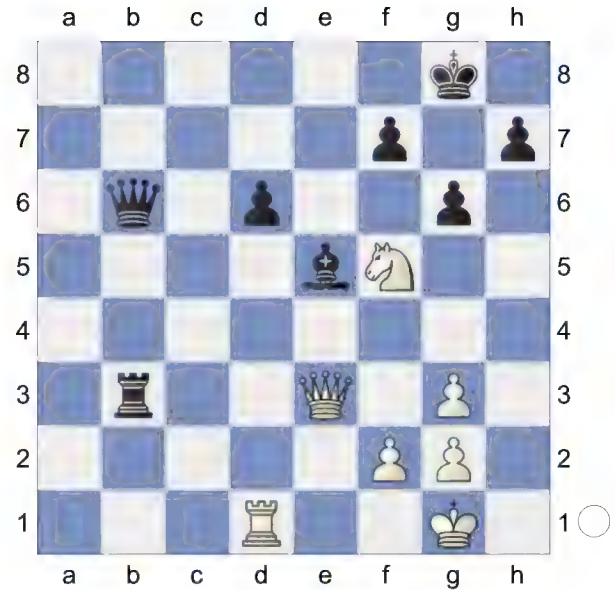
Rxa6 28.Rxa6 Rxa6 29.Nxd4 Ra2

30.b3 Be5 31.Qe3 Rb2 32.Nf5

Discovered Attack **32...Rxb3** 6.29/25

[32...Qxe3= -0.08/19 33.Nxe3 Rxb3]

(Diagram)



33.Qxb6? -0.43/22

[33.Rc1!+- 6.29/25 Intending Rc8+ and mate. Qd8 (33...gxf5 34.Qg5+ Bg7 35.Rc8+) 34.Nh6+ (34.Qxb3 gxf5 35.Qb1 Qf6+-) 34...Kg7 35.Qxb3 Kxh6 36.Qxf7]

33...Rxb6 Endgame KRB-KRN. Black is a pawn up. **34.Ne3** -0.72/20

[34.Ne7+± -0.36/24 Kf8 35.Nd5]

34...Ra6 -0.08/21

[34...Rb4± -0.72/20]

35.Nc4 Rc6 36.Nxe5 dxe5

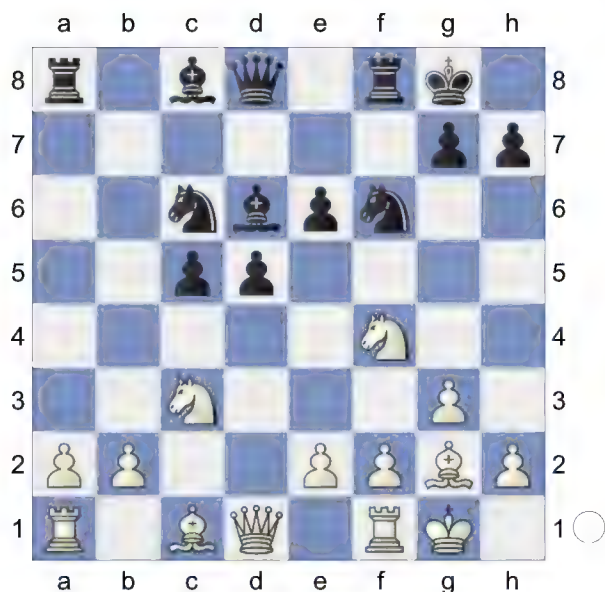
KR-KR. Black is a pawn up. **37.g4 h6**

38.Rd5 Re6 39.g3 Kg7 40.Kg2 Kf6

41.Kf3? -5.41/23

[41.f4= -0.16/21]

(Diagram)



13.Ncxd5! 1.65/19 **exd5+-** **14.Nxd5**
0.26/22

[14.Bxd5+- 2.10/21 Nxd5 15.Qxd5+
Rf7 16.Qxc6]

14...Ra6? 3.71/21

[14...Bb7!= 0.26/22]



15.Nxf6+! **Rxf6** **16.Bxc6** **Rxc6**
17.Qd5+ **Kh8** **...Qd7** is the strong
threat. **18.Qxc6** **Bg5** would now be
deadly. **18...Bxg3** **19.Bg5**

[Worse is 19.Qxc5 Bd6 20.Qh5
Rg6+ 21.Kh1 Qe7+]]

19...Bd6? 19.62/24

[19...Rxc6 3.86/19 20.Bxd8 Bd6]

20.Bxf6 gxf6 **21.Rad1 Qg8+** **22.Kh1**
Be5 **23.Rg1 Qf8**



24.Qxc5!! White mates. **24...Bb7+**



25.f3! **Qa8**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very
precise) /Black=2.08

26.Rd3

1-0

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□ Bluebaum,M

■ Gelman,A

Titled Tue 29th Jul Late blitz (3) 29.07.25
[Kitty Kat]

A58

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A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5
bxa61.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 e6 6.dxe6 fxe6 7.Nc3
Prevents d5 7...Bxa6 8.g3! White is
slightly better. 8...Nc6 9.Bg2 d5
10.Nh3 Bd6 11.0-0N[11.Nf4 Qd7 12.Bh3 Bxf4 13.Bxf4
0-0 14.0-0 h6 1) Benko Gambit Fully
Accepte-5...e6 6.dxe6 fxe6 7.Nc3 #2]

11...0-0 12.Nf4 -0.01/16

[12.Bf4± 0.56/17]

12...Bc8? 2.97/23

[12...Qe8!= -0.01/16]

13.Ncxd5! 1.66/19 exd5+- 14.Nxd5
0.07/22[White should try 14.Bxd5+- 2.05/23
Nxd5 15.Qxd5+ Rf7 16.Qxc6]

14...Ra6? 3.59/21

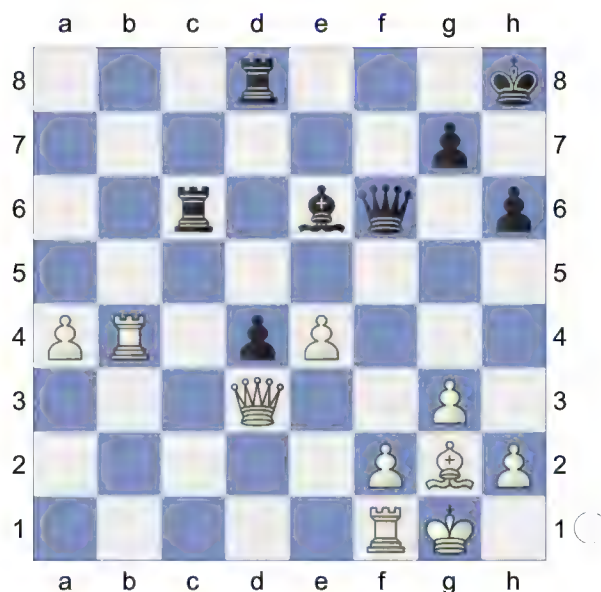
[14...Bb7!= 0.07/22 and Black has
nothing to worry.]15.Nxf6+! Qxf6 16.Bxc6 Kh8 17.Bg2
Be5 18.Qc2 Bf5 19.e4 Be6 20.Be3[Less strong is 20.Qxc5 Bd4 21.Qb5
Rb6+-]20...Bxb2 21.Rab1 Bd4 22.Bxd4 cxd4
23.a4 h6? 3.81/19

[23...Rc8 1.87/18 24.Qd1 Rd8]

24.Rb4 Hoping for Qc5. 24...Rd8

25.Qd3 Rc6 6.58/21

[25...Ra7 2.79/18 26.Rd1 Rf8]



26.e5!

Discovered Attack. White is

clearly winning. 26...Qe7 27.Rxd4 Rcc8 28.Rd1 Rxd4 29.Qxd4 Qa3 30.h4 Rc4 31.Qa1 White wants to mate with Rd8+. 31...Qc5 32.a5 Rc2 33.Qd4 Qxa5 34.Qd8+ Qxd8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.97

35.Rxd8+
1-0

56 **A59**
□ Bluebaum, Matthias 2655

■ Christiansen, Johan Sebastian

Titled Tue 16th Jan Early blitz (10)

[Kitty Kat]

A59: Benko/Volga Gambit: White castles by hand

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.e4 Bxf1 8.Kxf1 d6 9.g3 Bg7 10.Kg2 0-0 11.Nf3 Nbd7 12.a4 Ra6 1.31/19

[12...Qb6 0.87/19]

13.Qc2± Qa8 14.Ra3 White is better. 14...Rc8

[14...e6 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.Re1 Ng4 17.Nb5 Qb7 18.Bf4 d5 19.exd5 exd5 20.Bd6 Rc8 21.Re7 Bf8 22.Qe2 Bxe7 23.Qxe7 Ngf6 24.Ng5 d4+ 25.Rf3 Re8 26.Qf7+ Kh8 27.Nc7 Raa8 28.Nce6 Rxe6 29.Nxe6 1-0 (39) Loehr,H (2623)-Blum, J (2579) 61/664 Las Vegas 1994]

15.Re1 0.82/18

[15.h3 1.21/17]

[15.Rd1 Ne8 16.Bd2 Nc7 17.Be1 e6 18.dxe6 fxe6 19.Bd2 d5 20.exd5 exd5 21.Bf4 Bxc3 22.Rxc3 Ne6 23.Kg1 Rxa4 24.Bh6 d4 25.Rc4 Ra1 26.Rxa1 Qxa1+ 27.Qc1 Qa8 28.Qd1 Qd5 29.Qe2 Re8 0-1 (40) Abel,D (2427)-Christiansen,J

(2607) Maia op 6th 2022 (7)]

15...c4N

[15...e6 16.dxe6 fxe6 17.Nb5 d5 18.exd5 exd5 19.Bf4 Qc6 20.Rae3 Ne4 Krause,J (2172)-Hynninen,J (1999) T16-02 corr TSC corr 2002]

16.Be3 0.72/20

[16.Nd4 1.13/19]

16...Ng4 17.Bd4 Nge5 1.49/21

[17...Nc5 0.92/21]

18.Nxe5 Nxe5 1.68/21

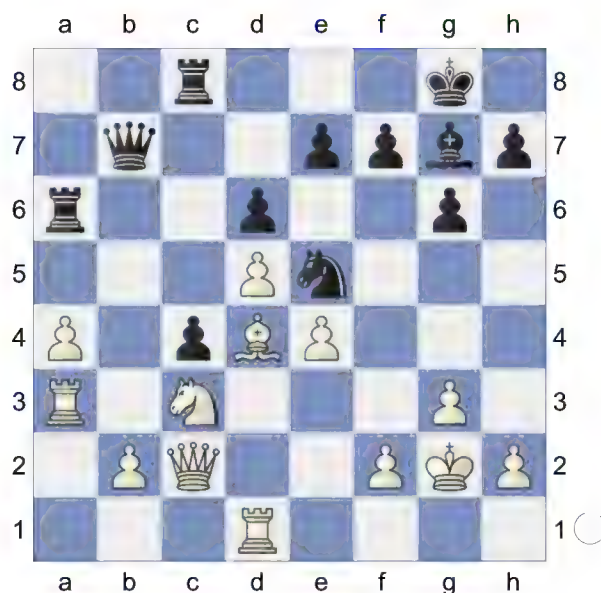
[18...Bxe5± 1.00/21 19.Nb5 Bxd4 20.Nxd4 Ne5]

19.Rd1 1.26/20

[Better is 19.Rea1+- 1.68/21]

19...Qb7 2.03/19

[19...Nd7± 1.26/20 keeps fighting.]



20.Nb5!+- Loses the game. 20...f5? 4.83/21

[20...Nd3± 1.52/20]

21.Bxe5

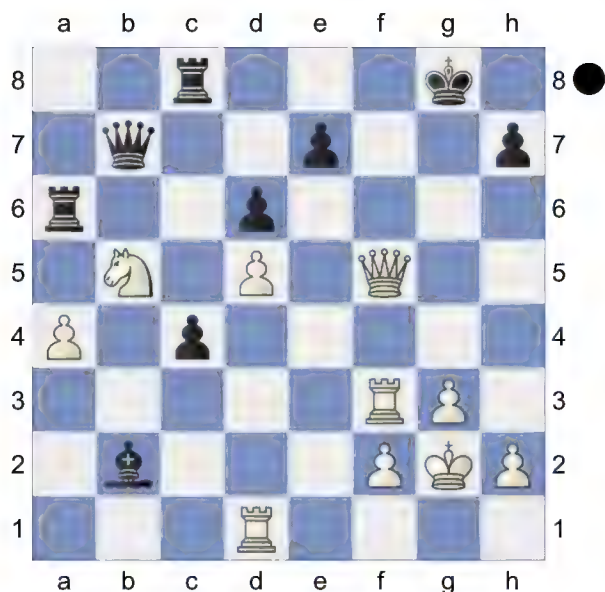
[Not 21.exf5 Qxd5+ 22.f3 Qf7±]

21...Bxe5 22.exf5 gxf5 5.97/22

[22...g5 4.10/18 23.h3 Bf6]

23.Qxf5 Bxb2 24.Rf3

(Diagram)



Rb1 would now be deadly. 24...Be5
25.Nd4 Kh8 26.Ne6 White threatens
Qf8+! and mate. 26...Raa8 27.Ng5
9.31/5

[27.g4 #15/32 Rg8 28.Rh3 Rxc4+
29.Kh1 (29.Qxc4 Rg8+- Pin)
29...Qxd5+ 30.Rxd5 Rg1+ Decoy
31.Kxg1 Rg8+ 32.Kh1]

27...e6 White is clearly winning. 28.Nf7+
Kg8 29.dxe6 Qe7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.51/
Black=1.75

30.Nxe5
1-0

57 E10
□ Krasenkow,M 2655
■ Werner,Di 2376
Bundesliga 2005-6 (1) 22.10.2005
[Kitty Kat]

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nf3 e6
5.dxe6 fxe6 6.cxb5 d5 7.e3 Bd6
8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Be2 Bb7 10.0-0 0.01/21

[10.b3± 0.37/23]

10...Nbd7 0.80/20

[10...a6= 0.01/21 keeps the balance.]

[10...c4 11.Nb1 Qc7 12.Nc3 Nbd7
13.h3 Rac8 14.b3 cxb3 15.Bb2
bxa2 16.Rxa2 Qb6 17.Qa1 Bb8
Blumenfeld Gambit-Part 2015]

11.b3± Qe7N

[11...Qe8 12.Bb2 e5 13.e4 dxe4
14.Nh4 Bc7 15.Rc1 Rd8 16.b4 Nd5
17.bxc5 Nxc5 18.Rxc5 Bb6 19.Nxe4
Nf4 20.Bc4+ Kh8 21.Qg4 h5
22.Qg5 Bxc5 23.Bxe5 Rd7
24.Qh6# 1-0 Karpov,A (2745)-Lobron,
E (2540) Walldorf m rap rapid 1997]

12.Qc2 Rac8 White is slightly better.

13.Ba3 Ne4 0.86/23

[13...Kh8± 0.50/19 might be
stronger.]

14.Nxe4 0.44/19

[14.Rad1± 0.86/23]

14...dxe4± 15.Nd2 Qh4 16.g3 Qh3

17.Nxe4 f4 is the strong threat. 17...Nf6

18.Bf3

[18.Nxd6? Qg2#]

18...Bxe4 1.00/23

[18...Nxe4? 19.Bxe4 Bxe4
20.Qxe4+-]

[18...Ng4± 0.45/24 19.Bxg4
(19.Nxd6? Qxh2#) 19...Qxc4]

19.Bxe4± Ng4 20.f4 Nxe3 21.Qe2

Nxf1 22.Rxf1 Kh8 23.Bf3↑ 0.71/19

Keeping Black busy.

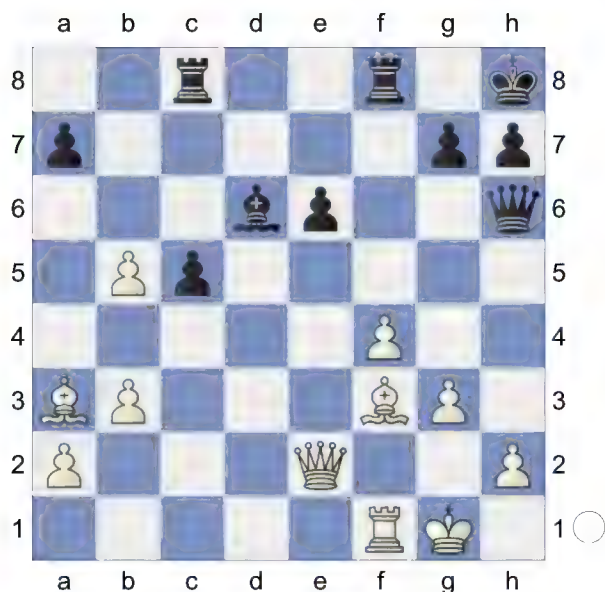
[23.Bb2 Be7]

[23.Bc1 1.12/21]

23...Qh6 1.69/19

[23...Rcd8± 0.71/19]

(Diagram)



24.Re1? -0.01/18

[24.Kg2!+- 1.69/19]

24...Rce8 1.33/19 Black is weak on the light squares

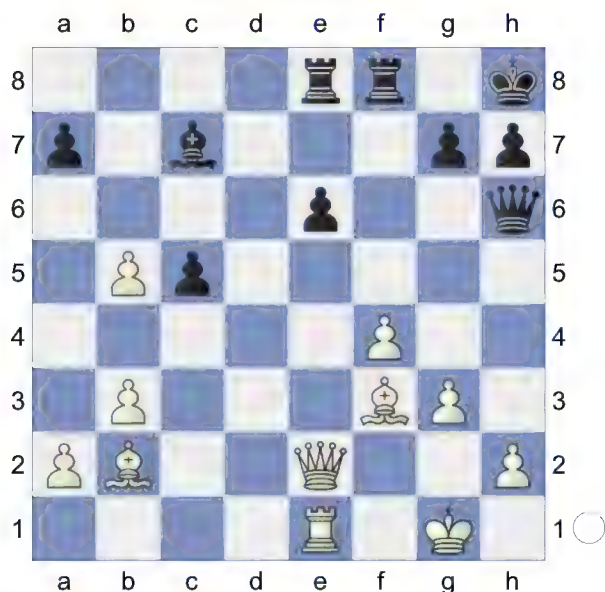
[24...e5!= -0.01/18 25.Bg4 (25.fxe5 Bxe5 26.Qxe5 Rxf3=) 25...Rce8]

25.Bb2 0.50/18

[Better is 25.Bc6± 1.33/19]

This costs Black the game. **25...Bc7?** 2.30/20

[25...Be7!± 0.50/18]



26.Bc3!+-

White has strong

compensation. **26...Rd8** 2.69/20

[26...Re7 1.86/19 was worth a try. 27.Rd1 e5]

27.Kg2

[27.Qxe6 Qxe6 28.Rxe6 Rd3±]

27...Rfe8 28.Bc6 Re7 29.Qc4

Prevents e5 **29...Qg6 30.Be4**

[Less strong is 30.Qxc5 Qc2+ 31.Kf1 Qd3+ 32.Kg2 Qc2+ 33.Kh3 Rd2±]

30...Qh5 31.Bf3 This pair of bishops is nice. **31...Qf5 32.a4 Red7?** 5.78/20

[32...e5 1.94/18 is more resistant. 33.fxe5 (33.Qxc5 Bd6=) 33...Bxe5]

33.Rxe6 White is clearly winning.

[33.Qxe6 Qxe6 (33...Qc2+? 34.Re2+-) 34.Rxe6 Rd3=]

33...Rd6 12.10/22

[33...Rf8 5.12/22 34.a5 (34.Be4 Qf7+-) 34...Bd8]

34.Re7 Qc2+

Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=1.14

35.Be2

1-0

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□ **Sjugirov, S**

■ **Jianu, V**

14th Euro Indiv 2013 (3.34) 07.05.2013

[Kitty Kat]

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A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.e3 Bb7 6.Nc3 Qa5 7.Bd2 axb5 8.Bxb5 Qb6 9.Nf3 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 0.43/20

[White should try 10.a4± 0.85/21]

10...Bxd5± 11.a4 e6 White is slightly better. **12.Bc3 Be7 13.0-0**

[13.Bxg7 Rg8 14.Bc3 Rxd2=]

13...0-0 14.Nd2

[14.Ne5 feels hotter. d6 15.Nc4

Bxc4 16.Qg4 g6 17.Qxc4 Nc6
 18.Qf4 d5 19.Rfd1 Rfd8 (19...Rad8
 20.Rac1 f6 21.e4 d4 22.Bd2 Ne5
 23.Qg3 Kg7 24.Kh1 Nf7 25.b4 cxb4
 26.Rc6 Qb8 27.Rxe6 Qxg3 28.hxg3
 Bd6 29.f4 Rc8 30.Bd3 Rfd8 31.a5
 b3 32.Rb1 Rb8 33.a6 Rdc8 34.e5
 1-0 (42) Andersen,M (2594)-Babula,V
 (2538) Bundesliga 1819 2018 (4.7))
 20.h4 d4 21.exd4 Nxd4 22.Bc4 Qb8
 23.Qxb8 Rdx8 24.g3 Bf6 25.Kg2
 Kg7 26.a5 Nc6 27.a6 Ra7 28.Rd6
 Bxc3 29.bxc3 Ne5 30.Be2 Rb2
 31.Kf1 $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ (36) Atalik,S (2595)-
 Epishin,V (2590) 73/26 Philadelphia
 1998]

14...f5N Dodges Qg4 15.f3 0.27/21

[15.Qe2± 0.63/19]

15...Ra7 1.24/20

[15...Qc7= 0.27/21 keeps the
 balance.]

16.Qe1 0.35/21

[16.e4± 1.24/20 Ba8 17.Nc4]

16...Qc7 17.e4 Loses the game.

17...fxe4 2.06/22

[17...Bc6± 0.51/21]

18.fxe4+- Rxf1+ 2.39/21

[18...Bc6± 1.59/22 might work
 better.]

19.Qxf1

[Weaker is 19.Bxf1 Bc6±]

19...Bc6 20.Re1 Rb7? 3.43/20

[20...d5 1.75/21]

21.Qf3 Bxb5 4.20/22

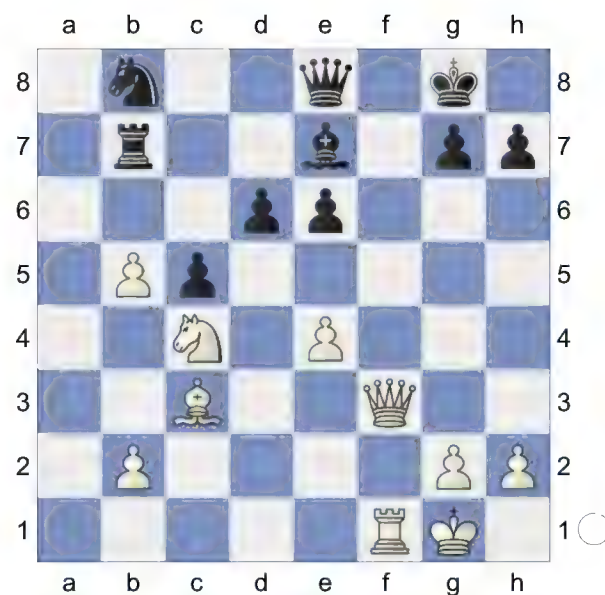
[21...Qd8 2.62/21 22.Rf1 Qe8]

22.axb5 Qd8 Black is weak on the light
 squares

[22...Rxb5 23.Rf1 Bf6 24.Bxf6+-
 (24.e5 c4+-)]

23.Rf1 Qe8 Wards off Qf7+ 24.Nc4→
 Threatens to win with Bxg7!. White is
 out for blood. 24...d6? 6.05/21

[24...Rxb5 2.60/22 25.Bxg7 Kxg7]



25.Nxd6! Bxd6 26.e5 Discovered
 Attack 26...Rf7 27.Qxf7+ Qxf7

28.Rxf7 White is clearly winning.

[28.exd6? too greedy. Qb7 29.Re1
 Qd5+- (29...Qxb5? 30.Rxe6 Qa4
 31.Re1+-)]

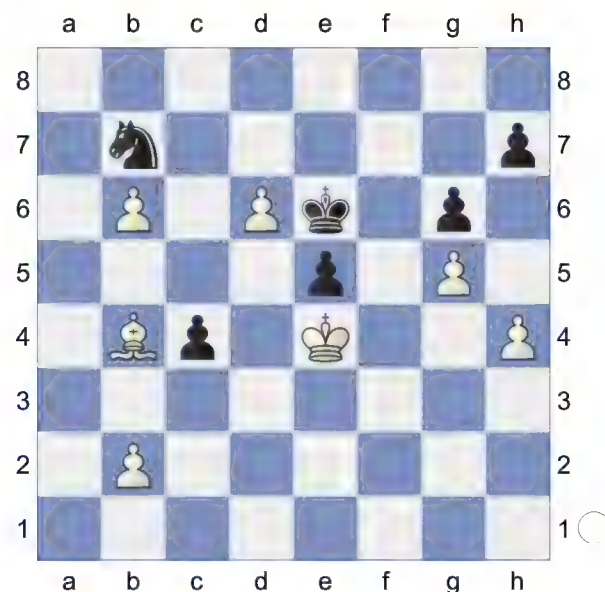
28...Kxf7 29.exd6 Endgame KB-KN.

White is a pawn up. 29...Nd7 30.Ba5

c4 31.b6 Nc5 32.Bc3 g6 33.Bb4 Nb7

34.Kf2 e5 35.Ke3 Ke6 36.Ke4 Nd8

37.g4 Nb7 38.h4 Nd8 39.g5 Nb7



40.d7! Nd8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.22
(precise) /Black=0.70

41.Bc3

1-0

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□ Milov, Vadim

■ Anand, Viswanathan

(m/2-rapid) 97/(37)

[TA]

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A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

Milov, Vadim: 'Milov, V: 'Inf 97/37" 1.d4

Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nf3 g6 5.cxb5

a6 6.b6 d6 7.Nc3 Nbd7 8.e4 Bg7

9.a4 Qxb6 10.a5 Qa7 11.Be2

White is better. 11...0-0 12.0-0 Rb8

13.Nd2 Ne8 14.Nc4 Nc7 15.Na4 Nb5

16.Nab6 0.22/21

[16.Bd3± 0.60/19 deserves
consideration.]

16...Nxb6= 17.Nxb6 f5 1.32/21

[17...Bd7!± 0.37/19]

18.exf5 -0.01/18

[18.Nxc8± 1.32/21 Rfxc8
(18...Rbxc8 19.exf5 gxf5 20.Bc4
Kh8 21.Re1 Bf6 22.Qh5 Nd4
23.Ra3 Nc2 24.Rh3 e5 25.Rf1 Nd4
26.Bxa6 Rc7 27.Bd3 e4 28.Bh6
Rg8 29.Rg3 Rcc8 30.Bc4 Be5
31.a6 f4 32.Rxg8+ Rxg8 33.Kh1
1-0 (53) Milov, V (2625)-Nakamura, H
(2664) 97/37 Philadelphia 2006)
19.exf5 gxf5 20.Bc4]

18...Bxf5 19.Bg4N Qb7 20.Ra4 Nd4

21.Rc4 Prevents Bc2. 21...Bxg4

[21...e6 22.Bxf5 Rxf5 23.dxe6 Re8]

22.Qxg4 Nb3 0.20/22

[22...Rf5 -0.26/24 23.b4 Rxd5]

23.Qe6+ Kh8 24.Rh4 Bf6! 25.Rh3

-0.33/19

[25.Re4= 0.07/22]

25...Nxc1!± 26.Rxc1 Kg7 0.68/20

Black is weak on the light squares

[26...Bxb2± -0.33/22 27.Qxg6 e6]

27.Re1 -0.01/19 White is much more
active.

[27.Rc2± 0.68/20]

27...Bd4!= Discovered Attack 28.Re2

[28.Qxe7+ Qxe7 29.Rxe7+ Kg8
30.Rf3]

28...Rbe8 29.Qg4 -0.73/25

[29.Rf3= 0.01/21 keeps the balance.]

29...Rf5 0.16/25

[29...h5!± -0.73/25 30.Rxh5 Rxf2
31.Rxf2 Rf8 Pin]

30.Rf3↑ Black is under pressure. 30...h5

31.Qe4 Rxf3 0.66/23

[31...Re5= -0.01/23 32.Qc2 Rxe2
33.Qxe2 e5]

32.Qxf3 0.06/20

[32.gxf3± 0.66/23 Bf6 33.f4]

32...Rf8 33.Qd3 Rf6 34.g3

[34.Qe4 simplifies Rf5 35.Qxe7+
Qxe7 36.Rxe7+ Kf6 37.Re6+]

34...g5 0.94/20

[34...Rf5= 0.16/19]

35.Qe4 Rf7 1.08/19

[35...g4± 0.67/20]

36.Kg2 -0.01/22

[36.b4± 1.08/19]

36...Qb8 0.49/24

[36...e5= -0.01/22]

37.f3 Qh8 1.01/21

[37...Qe8!= 0.30/23]

38.Qd3? -1.37/24

[38.h3!± 1.01/21]

38...g4!± 39.f4 h4 40.Re6 Qh5

Wards off Rg6+ 41.gxh4 -7.28/20

[41.Kf1 -1.76/18]

41...Rxf4+ 42.Rxe7+ Kf8? 0.01/16

[42...Kg8+ -6.83/22 43.Re2 Qf7
(43...Qxh4 44.Qg6+ Bg7 45.Re8+
Rf8 46.Rxf8+ Kxf8 47.Qxd6+ Qe7
48.Nd7+ Ke8 49.Qxe7+ Kxe7

50.Nxc5+-]

43.Qh7!= Some like it hot **43...Qxh7**

[43...Rf2+ feels hotter. 44.Kg3 Rf3+
45.Kg2 Rf2+]

44.Rxh7 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is
a pawn up. **44...Bg7 45.Rh5 Bxb2**

46.Kg3? -2.20/20

[46.Rh6!= -0.13/19]

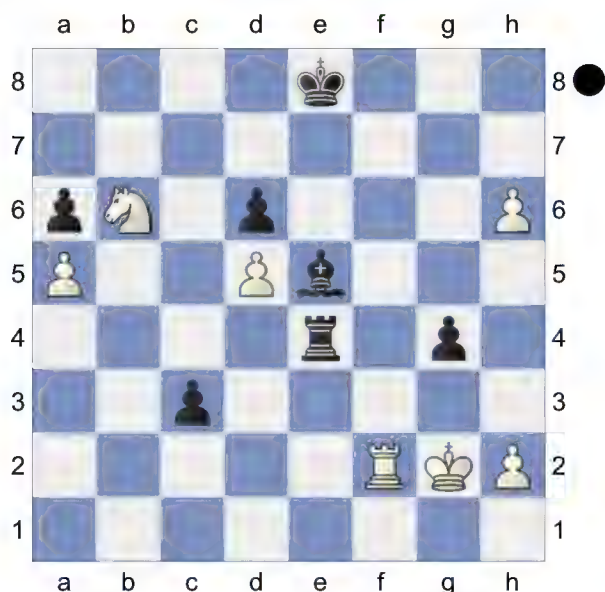
46...Re4? -0.55/21

[Black should play 46...Rb4-+ -2.20/20
47.Rg5 Be5+ Skewer 48.Rxe5 dxe5
49.Nd7+ Ke7 50.Nxc5 Kd6]

47.Rf5+? -3.42/24

[White has to play 47.h3!± -0.55/21]

47...Ke8-+ 48.Rf2 Be5+ 49.Kg2 c4
50.h5 c3 51.h6



Rb4? -0.06/18

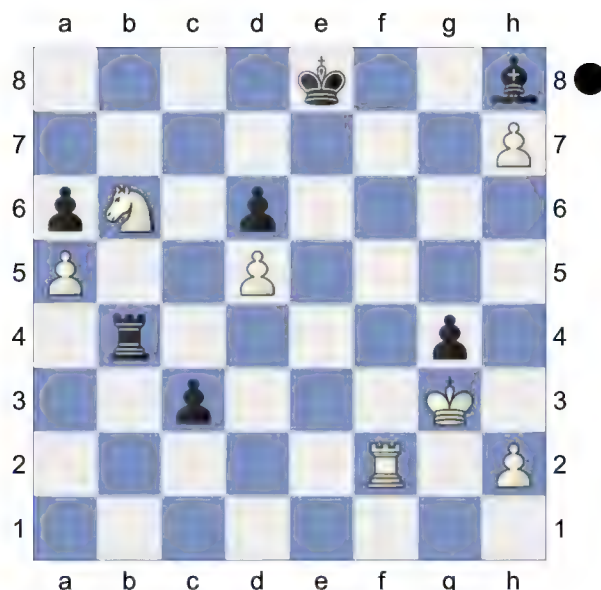
[51...Rd4!-+ -2.92/21 52.h7 Bh8]

52.h7= and Re2 would now be decisive

52...Bh8 53.Kg3? -1.61/22

[53.Nc8!= -0.01/21 and White stays
safe.]

(Diagram)



53...Rb2 -0.57/21

[53...Rd4!-+ -1.61/22 Strongly
threatening ...Bg7. 54.Re2+ Kf7]

54.Rf4? -8.57/24

[54.Rf1± -0.57/21]

54...c2-+ 55.Rc4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/
Black=0.47

55...Rb3+
0-1

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□ penguinim1

■ BeepBeepImAJEEP

Blitz

[Kitty Kat]

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18.05.2018

Blitz 3min A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6

5.e3 axb5 6.Bxb5 Bb7 7.Nc3 Qa5

8.Bd2! e6 1.44/20

[8...Qb6!± 0.63/21]

9.Nf3N

[9.a4 Qb6 10.e4 exd5 11.exd5

Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Bxd5 13.Nf3 Be7

14.0-0 0-0 15.Bg5 Bxf3 16.Qxf3

Bxg5 17.Qxa8 Bf6 18.Rab1 g6

19.Qd5 d6 20.Rfd1 Bd4 21.Bc4 Nc6
22.b3 Nb4 23.Qf3 Be5 0-1 (57)
Ansh,M (2163)-Ekdyshman,M (2264)
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9...Qb6 10.dxe6 fxe6 White is better.

11.0-0 Be7 12.a4 0-0 13.Qe2 0.74/19

[13.Bd3 1.20/19]

13...Nc6± 14.Rfd1 h6 1.43/18

[14...Bd6 0.77/17]

15.h3! d5 16.Be1 Na5 1.60/19

[Better is 16...Bd6 1.13/17]

17.Rab1 1.02/19

[17.b4 1.60/19 cxb4 18.Na2]

17...c4 1.89/19

[17...Nc6± 1.02/19 was worth a try.]

18.Qc2 Nb3 19.Nd4 1.15/19

[19.Nd2+- 1.83/20]

19...Nxd4 20.Rxd4 0.87/21

[20.exd4 1.44/21 Threatens to win
with b3. Ba6 21.b3]

20...Kh8 1.24/19

[20...e5 0.87/21 21.Rxd5 Bxd5
(21...Nxd5? 22.Bxc4 Rfd8 23.e4+-
Pin)]

21.Rdd1 0.53/19

[21.Qg6± 1.24/19]

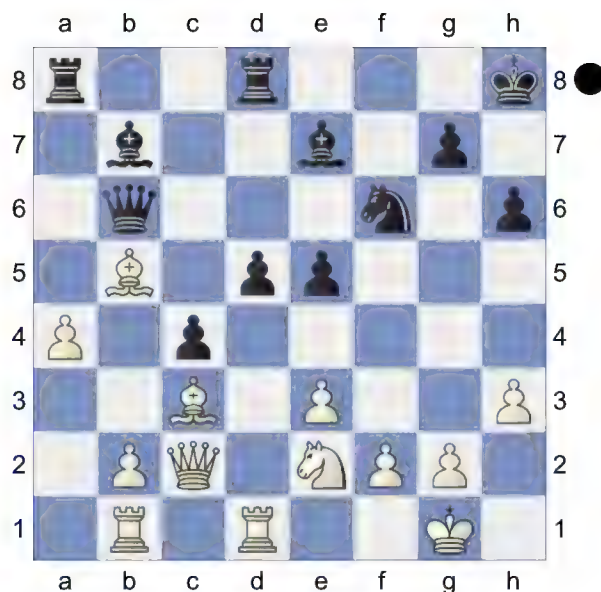
21...Rfd8? 2.29/20

[21...e5± 0.53/19]

22.Ne2+- e5 23.Bc3? -0.98/20

[White should play 23.Ng3+- 2.01/20]

(Diagram)



23...d4!± 24.exd4 Be4 Black is much
more active. 25.Qc1 -4.41/19



Nh5!+- 26.Ra1? -6.68/21

[26.dxe5? Rxd1+ 27.Qxd1 Qg6±]

[26.f3 -3.65/18 Bg5 (26...Bxb1
27.Qxb1 exd4 28.Bxd4±) 27.fxe4
Bxc1 28.Rbxc1]

26...Qg6 27.g4 Bf3? -2.67/17

[27...Bg5 28.Bd2 Bh4 29.Be1±
(29.dxe5? Qf7+-; 29.Bxc4 Bxf2+
Decoy 30.Kxf2 Qf6+±; 29.Qxc4?
Bxf2+ Decoy 30.Kxf2 Qf6+-+)]

[27...Rf8 -7.37/18 28.Be1 Rf3]

28.Qe3

[Stronger than 28.Bxc4 Rac8 29.Bd3 e4=]

28...e4 Strongly threatening ...Bg5.

29.Nf4? -8.78/19

[Of course not 29.Bxc4 Rac8 30.Ba5 Rf8 (30...Rxc4? 31.Bxd8 Bxd8 32.a5-+)]

[29.Ng3 -2.15/16 Nxg3 30.fgx3]

29...Nxf4 30.Qxf4 Rf8 31.Qe5 Bd6

32.Qd5 e3 33.Qxc4 exf2+ 34.Kf1

Weighted Error Value: White=1.52/ Black=0.53

34...Qe4

0-1

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A57

□ Bu Xiangzhi

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■ Ganguly,Surya Shekhar

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VII Dos Hermanas Internet blitz (3.2)

[Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.b6 g6 6.Nc3 d6 7.e4 Qxb6 8.Nf3 Nbd7 9.Be2 Bg7 10.Nd2 0-0 11.0-0 Ne8

[11...Rb8 12.Nc4 Qc7 13.Bf4 Nb6 14.e5 Ne8 15.exd6 exd6 16.Qd2 Nxc4 17.Bxc4 Nf6 18.Rfe1 Ng4 19.Rad1 Bd4 20.Bg3 f5 21.Re2 Rb4 22.b3 Qg7 23.Bxd6 Bxc3 24.Qf4 Rd8 25.Re7 Qf6 26.Bxc5 0-1 (39) Huebner,R (2630)-Kasparov, G (2790) Cologne TVm2 1992 (2)]

[11...Qb8 12.Re1 Ne8 13.Nc4 Nb6 14.Na5 Bd7 15.Bg5 f6 16.Bd2 Nc7 17.a4 f5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Bg5 Bf6 20.Bh6 Bg7 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Bf3 Nc8 23.Nc4 Qb4 24.Qd3 Ne8 25.Ne2 Nf6 26.Nf4 1-0 (43) Kuzubov, Y (2618)-Sanjuan Garcia,M (1946)

Benalmadena Rapid op 1st 2023 (1)]

12.Nc4 Qb8N Black is weak on the light squares

[12...Qd8 13.Bf4 Rb8 14.Qd2 Bd4 15.Be3 Bg7 16.Bh6 Ne5 17.Bxg7 Nxc4 18.Bxc4 Kxg7 19.f4 Qb6 20.b3 Nc7 21.a4 e6 22.a5 Qa7 23.dxe6 Bxe6 24.f5 Bxc4 25.f6+ Kh8 26.bxc4 Ne6 27.Qh6 1-0 (28) Shestoperov,A (2411)-Bogorad,M (2259) EU-ch Seniors 06th 2006 (5) Rb3 28.Rf3 1-0 Short,N (2411)-Sviridov,V (2259) USSR (ch) 25/99 1977 (5)]

13.Bg5 f6 1.18/18

[13...Ne5!± 0.51/19]

14.Bh4 White is more active. White is better. **14...Ne5 1.51/20**

[⬠14...Nc7 0.90/19]

15.Nxe5± dxe5 16.Na4 Nd6



17.Qc2 0.79/24

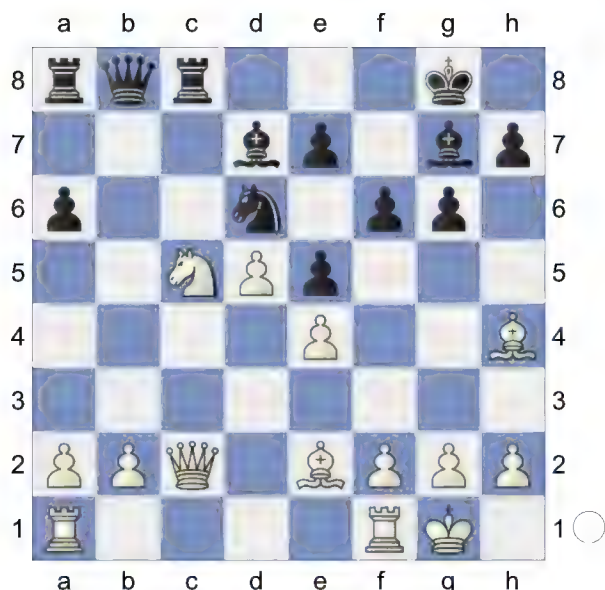
[17.f3! 1.38/21]

17...Bd7 1.17/20

[⬠17...c4 0.79/24]

18.Nxc5 Rc8

(Diagram)



...Bb5 is the strong threat. 19.f3!↑
Black is under strong pressure.

[19.Bxa6 Rxc5 20.Qxc5 Rxa6]

19...Bb5 2.04/25

[19...a5± 0.91/22]

20.Bf2+- Bh6 21.a3

[21.a4?! Bxe2 22.Qxe2 Qb4±]

21...a5 22.Rab1 0.91/21

[White should play 22.Bxb5 1.30/22
Qxb5 23.Qc3]

22...a4? 2.45/21

[22...Bxe2± 0.91/21 23.Qxe2 a4]

23.b4 Bxe2 24.Qxe2 Qb5
Dodges Nd7 25.Qxb5 Nxb5 26.Ra1
Kf7 2.53/20

[Δ26...Bd2 1.87/19 27.Ra2 Bc3]

27.Rfd1 Rc7 28.Kf1 Bg5 29.g3 h5

30.h4 Bh6 31.Rd3 f5 32.Ke2 Nd6

33.Be3 Bxe3 34.Rxe3 Nc4? 5.09/20

[34...Rac8 2.36/20 was worth a try.
35.Rc1 (35.Nxa4 Rc2+ 36.Kf1
R8c4±) 35...Rg8]

35.Rc3 Nd6 36.Kd3 Nb5 37.Rcc1
Nd4? 5.96/23

[37...Rac8 2.59/19 is a better chance.
38.Rcb1 Kf6]

38.f4 Kf6 39.Re1 2.73/19

[Δ39.Ke3 5.73/22 And now fxe5+

would win. Nb5 40.fxe5+ Kxe5
41.Nd3+ Kd6 42.Rc5 (42.Rxc7
Kxc7 43.e5 Rd8+-) 42...fxe4
43.Kxe4]

39...Nb5? 6.34/20

[39...Nb3 2.73/19 40.Ne6 Rd7]

40.exf5 exf4 41.fxg6 fxg3 42.Re6+
Kg7 43.Rb6 Rxc5 44.bxc5 Endgame

KRR-KRN 44...Nc7 45.Ke4 Rd8 46.d6

Ne6 47.dxe7 Nxc5+ 48.Kf3 Re8

49.Re1 Nd3 50.Re3 9.71/22

[Δ50.Ree6 33.89/26 g2 51.Rb1
(51.Kxg2 Nf4+ 52.Kg3 Nd5+-)]

50...Nc5 51.Kxg3 Nd7 52.Rc6 Nf6

53.Re5 Ng4 54.Rxh5 Nf6 55.Re5

White wants to mate with Kf4. 55...Kxg6

56.Ree6 Kg7 57.Rxf6 Rxe7 58.Rg6+

Kh7 59.Rh6+ Kg8 60.Rcg6+ Kf8

61.Rh8+ Kf7 62.Rh7+ White mates.

62...Kxg6 63.Rxe7 Kh5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/
Black=0.94

64.Ra7

1-0

62

A57

□ Berkes, Ferenc

2645

■ Horvath, Csaba

2501

Budapest Kallai Memorial Blitz (7)

[Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

Novikov, I: 'Inf 41/(71)' Current

Reputation: Playable for both sides

Lukacs, P: 'Inf 37/86' 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5

3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.e3 e6 6.Nc3

exd5 7.Nh3!? -0.01/20 A promising side

line. Eine vielversprechende

Nebenvariante.

[7.Nxd5± 0.64/19 Bb7 8.Nxf6+ Qxf6
9.Nf3]

7...Bb7 8.Nf4 Bd6N



9.Nfxd5N White has an edge.

[Vorgänger: 9.Ncxd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 axb5]

A) 11.Bxb5± 0.77/20 Qa5+ (11...0-0 12.0-0 Re8 13.f4 Bf8 14.a4 Nc6 15.Ra3 Nd4 16.exd4 Bxd5 17.Qh5 Novikov,I-Bareev,E USSR 41/(71) 1986) 12.Nc3 Be5 13.a4 Bxg2 (13...Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Qxc3+ 15.Bd2 Qe5 16.0-0 0-0 17.Rc1 Benko Gambit,C-Declined Accepted 121 Linz 2012) 14.Rg1 Bc6 15.Bd2 Bxb5 16.Nxb5 Qb6 17.Qh5 Bxb2 (17...Nc6 18.f4 g6 19.Qg5 h6 20.Qg2 Bf6 21.Qd5 Bh4+ 22.Ke2 Be7 23.Bc3 Rf8 24.Rgd1 0-0-0 25.Qc4 Kb7 26.Rd5 Nb8 27.Rad1 Qe6 28.Qb3 Qa6 29.Ba5 1-0 Lukacs,P-Plachetka,J 37/86 Belgrad 1984) 18.Rb1 Bf6 19.Qd5 Qc6 20.Qxc6 Nxc6 21.Nc7+ Ke7 22.Nxa8 Rxa8 Zimmerman,Y (2410)-Rabotkin corr 58/(93) 1993;

B) 11.g3 -0.01/22 11...0-0 12.Bg2 Na6 13.0-0 Bc6 14.b3 Be5 Against Bb2 15.Rb1 ½-½ (48) Klukin,K (2346)-Remecki,S (2322)

Novi Sad 2021]

9...0-0 0.93/18

[9...Nxd5= 0.19/20 10.Nxd5 axb5]

10.bxa6 0.36/21

[10.Bc4± 0.93/18]

10...Nxa6± 11.Bc4 Be5 12.0-0 Nc7

13.e4 0.01/22

[Better is 13.a4± 0.52/23]

13...Bxc3 0.84/23

[13...Nfxd5= 0.01/22 keeps the balance. 14.Nxd5 (14.exd5 Bxh2+ Decoy 15.Kxh2 Qh4+ 16.Kg1 Qxc4=) 14...Bxd5 15.Bxd5 (15.exd5 Bxh2+ Decoy 16.Kxh2 Qh4+ 17.Kg1 Qxc4=) 15...Nxd5 16.Qxd5 d6]

14.bxc3 0.17/20

[14.Nxc3± 0.84/23 Hoping for Bg5. Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.Qd6]

14...Nxe4=



15.Nb6 Loses the game. 15...d5?

1.93/23 16.Nxa8+- Qxa8 2.18/23

[16...Nxc3 1.63/22 might work better. 17.Qd3 Ne6]

17.Bd3 Nxc3 3.38/22

[17...Ba6 1.83/20 18.Bxa6 Qxa6]

18.Qh5 Ne4 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Be3 1.76/16

[Δ20.Qxc5 3.08/18 Ne6 21.Qe3]

20...Ne6 3.39/18

[20...f5 1.76/16 21.Bxc5 Rf7]

21.Qe5

[21.Bxc5 Qa5=]

21...Re8 22.Rfd1

[22.Bxc5 e3±]

22...f6 23.Qc3 f5 24.g3 2.20/17

[24.Bxc5 e3±]

[♖24.Qb3 4.23/18]

24...f4? 5.05/20

[24...Qc8 2.20/17 25.a4 f4]

25.gxf4

[Stronger than 25.Bxc5 e3 26.fxe3 Qa4±]

25...Nd4? 6.55/20

[25...Qa6 3.88/20 26.h3 (26.Bxc5 e3±) 26...Ba8]

26.Qxc5 Nf3+ 27.Kh1 Qa6 and ...Qh6 should not be overlooked 28.Qh5 g6

29.Qc5 Qf6 30.Qc4+ Kg7 31.Rd7+

Re7 32.Rxe7+ Qxe7 33.Rc1 Qh4

34.Qc7+ Kh6 35.f5+

[35.Qxb7? Qxh2#]

35...g5 36.Qg3 9.10/20

[36.Qxb7? Qxh2#]

[♖36.Qd6+ 21.78/24 Kh5 37.Rc7]

36...Qh5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/
Black=1.18

37.Qd6+

1-0

63

A58

□ Avrukh,B

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■ Hoffmeyer,F

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MTO Open Biel SUI (1)

24.07.2006

[Kitty Kat]

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5
bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6

5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.g3 d6

8.Bg2 Bg7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.0-0 Nbd7

11.Rb1 Qb6

[11...Nb6 12.b3 Ra7 13.Re1 Qa8

14.e4 Ng4 15.Bb2 Rb8 16.a4 Nc4

17.bxc4 Rxb2 18.Rxb2 Bxc3 19.Rc2

Bxe1 20.Qxe1 Bc8 21.h3 Nf6 22.e5

Ne8 23.exd6 Nxd6 24.Ne5 Rxa4

25.Nc6 Ra1 26.Rc1 (31) Volga

Gambit,T-N,N 2003]

12.b3 Rfb8

[12...Rab8 13.Qc2 Rfc8 14.Bd2 e6

15.dxe6 fxe6 16.Rfd1 d5 17.Bf4

Ra8 18.Ne5 Bb7 19.Nc4 Qa6

20.Nd6 Rf8 21.Nxb7 Qxb7 22.Bd6

Rf7 23.e4 Ng4 24.exd5 Rxf2

25.Qe4 Bxc3 26.Qxg4 Raxa2

27.Qxe6+ 0-1 (37) Wafa,S (2635)-

Henri,J (2591) CCLA Cht corr USA

1989 (4)]

13.Bd2N

[13.a4 Ne8 14.Bd2 Nc7 15.Re1

23. Benko Gambit g3 systems-5.bxa6

g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 #9]

13...Qb7 14.Nh4 0.30/18

[White should play 14.Re1± 0.73/18]

14...Nb6= 15.Bg5 Ne8 16.Rc1 Qd7
0.85/17

[16...Nd7= 0.17/19]

17.Re1± Nc7 1.46/19

[Black should try 17...Qb7± 0.59/18]

18.e4 c4 1.90/21

[18...e6± 1.27/18]

19.Nf3+- cxb3 2.00/20

[19...e5± 1.51/19 20.Bd2 Bf8]

20.axb3 h6 2.58/17

[20...Nb5 1.82/18]

21.Be3 Nc8? 3.85/17

[21...Qd8 2.04/19 22.Nd4 Bb7]

22.Nd4 Nb5 23.Ncxb5 Bxb5 24.Qd2

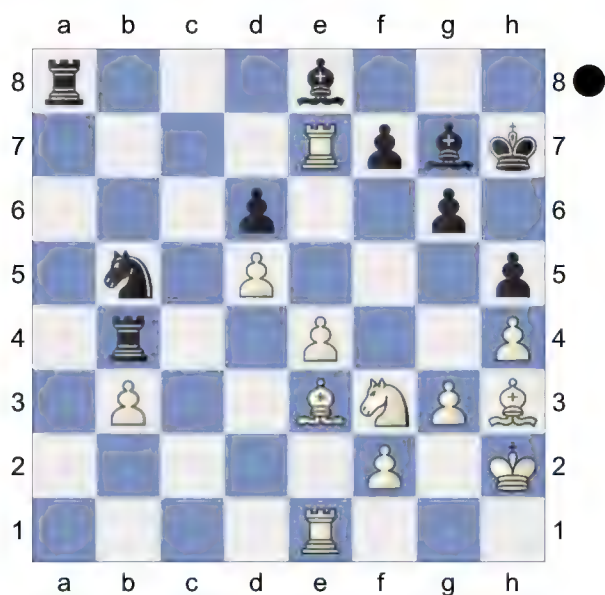
Dodges Ra2 24...Kh7 25.h4 h5

26.Kh2 Na7 27.Bh3 Qb7 28.Qa5 Be8

29.Rc7 Black is weak on the light

squares 29...Qb4 30.Qxb4 Rxb4

31.Nf3 Nb5 32.Rxe7



Rb8? 6.30/22

[32...Kg8 2.53/20 33.Ng5 Rxb3]
 33.Bd7 Bxd7 34.Rxd7 Kg8 35.Ng5 f6
 36.Ne6 Bf8 37.Nxf8 Rxf8 38.Bh6 Rf7
 39.Rd8+ Kh7 40.Bf4 g5 41.Bxd6
 Nxd6 42.Rxd6 gxf4 Endgame KRR-
 KRR. White is two pawns up. 43.Re3
 hxg3+ 44.fxf3

[44.Kxg3 f5 45.exf5 Kg7 46.Rg6+
 Kf8±]

44...Kg7 4.95/25

[44...Re7 3.16/25 might work better.
 45.Rf3 (45.Rxf6 Rbxe4 46.Rxe4
 Rxe4+-) 45...h4 46.Rdxf6 hxg3+
 47.Kxg3 (47.Rxg3 Rxe4 48.Rf7+
 Kh6±) 47...Rxe4]

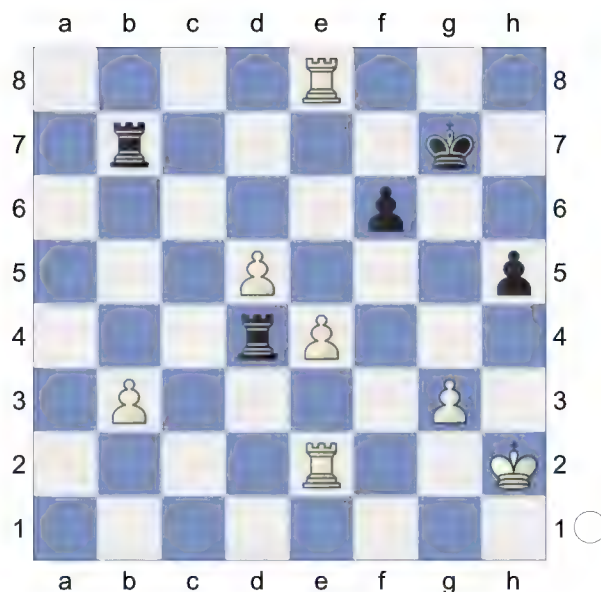
45.Re6 Rd4 46.Re8 2.14/23

[46.Kh3 4.10/22]

46...Rc7 47.Re2 0.63/21 Prevents Rc2
 [White has to play 47.Kg2+- 2.60/23]

47...Rb7±

(Diagram)



48.Rf2! Rb6? 2.51/24

[48...Rxb3± 0.91/23 49.Re7+ Kg6]

49.Re7+- Kg6 50.Rf3 Black cannot
 hold the game after this. 50...Rd2+?
 5.10/24

[50...Rbb4± 1.28/22 is more resistant.
 51.Re3 Rd2+ 52.Kg1 Rb2]

51.Kh3 Rd4 5.98/21

[51...Rc2 4.03/21 52.g4 hxg4+
 53.Kxg4 Rh2]

52.Rc3 Rbb4 53.Re3 Rb6 4.79/23

[53...f5 3.30/27 54.exf5+ Kxf5
 55.R3e5+ Kg6 56.R7e6+ Kg7]

54.Kg2 Rd2+ 55.Kf3 Rb2 56.Rc7
 R2xb3 57.Rxb3 Rxb3+ 58.Kf4
 And now d6 would win. 58...Rd3 59.Rc6
 Kf7 60.Ra6 Rd1

Weighted Error Value: White=0.20
 (precise) /Black=0.56

61.Ra3

1/2-1/2

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□ Narayanan, Sunilduth Lyna

■ Cramling, Dan

EU-Cup 39th Vrnjacka Banja (1.4)

[Kitty Kat]

A57

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A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6

5.e3 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.a4!

is more profitable than 7.Nf3 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 7.Sf3.

7...0-0 8.e4 Bb7 9.Be3!? 0.01/22

Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[9.Bc4± 0.84/21]

9...Qa5 0.86/19

[9...e6= 0.01/22 keeps the balance.]

10.Bd2!±

[10.Bxc5 Nxd5 (10...Nxe4 11.Bd4±)

11.Bd4 (11.exd5? Bxc3+ 12.Ke2

Bxb2+) 11...Nxc3 12.bxc3 e5=

(12...Bxe4 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Rc1±)]

10...e6 1.21/21

[10...Qc7± 0.65/20]

11.e5! Ne8 12.Nf3 exd5N 1.84/22

[12...Qc7 2.20/18 12...axb5 0.79

13.Bc4 Hoping for 0-0. Bxe5 14.b6!

Qd6 15.Ne4 1.05/19 (15.Nxe5+-

2.21/21 has better winning chances.

Qxe5+ 16.Qe2 Qxe2+ 17.Bxe2)

15...Qxb6± 16.Nxe5 exd5 17.a5

Qe6 18.Bc3 dxc4? 3.36/22

(18...d6± 0.96/23) 19.Nxc5

1-0 Poetsch, H (2497)-Neukirchner, P

(2298) Frankfurt-chA 2019 (4)]

[12...axb5± 0.75/20 13.Bxb5

(13.Nxb5 Qd8±) 13...Nc7 (13...exd5

14.Nxd5 Qd8 15.Bc4±; 13...Qb6

14.Bc4 Nguyen, H-Allen, H corr WC39/

ct/3 2019)]

(Diagram)



13.Nxd5!+- Qd8 Against Ne7+ 14.Bc4 axb5 15.axb5 Rxa1 16.Qxa1 Bxd5 2.65/20

[16...d6± 1.60/22]

17.Bxd5 Nc7 18.Bc4 0.37/19

[18.Ba5+- 2.89/21]

18...d5± 19.exd6 Qe8+ 20.Be3! Nxb5 21.0-0 Nxd6 22.Bd5

[Of course not 22.Bxc5 Nxc4 23.Bxf8 Qxf8=]

22...Qb5 23.Qa7 0.11/21

[23.Bf4± 0.52/21 Nf5 24.Qa2]

23...Na6= 24.Bf4 0.11/23 White is more active.

[Better is 24.Rd1!± 0.62/21]

24...Nf5? 3.73/23

[24...Nc8= 0.11/23 25.Qb7 Qxb7

26.Bxb7 Nb4]

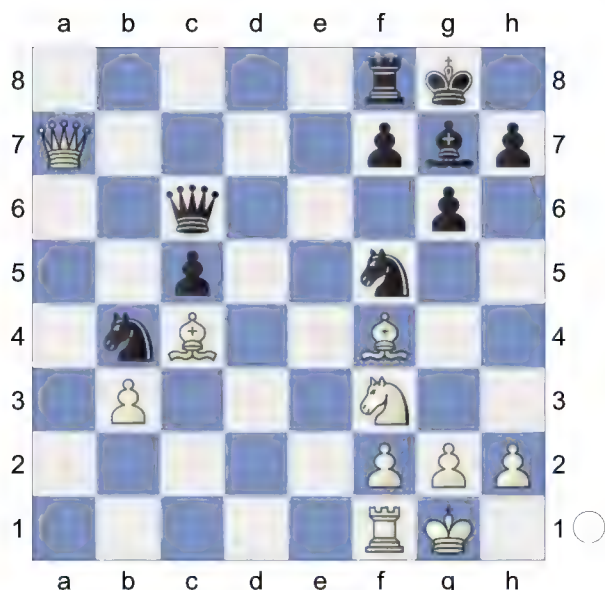
25.b3? 0.63/21

[25.Ng5+- 3.73/23]

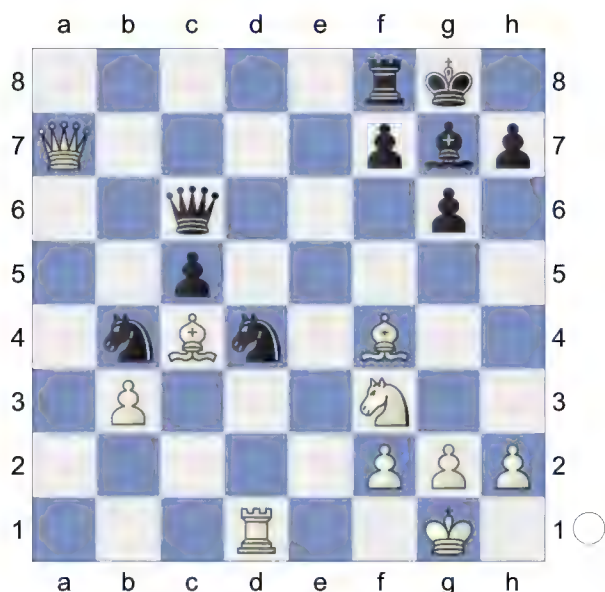
25...Nb4± 26.Bc4↑ White is really pushing. A strong pair of Bishops.

26...Qc6

(Diagram)



27.Rd1! Prevents Nd5 27...Nd4



28.Nxd4 Bxd4 7.22/25

[28...cxd4± 0.83/20 29.Qa4 Qxa4
30.bxa4 Ra8]

29.Bh6+- Qf6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/
Black=0.81

30.Bxf8

1-0

65

□ Toodfish

■ Fipsi_x

Blitz

[Kitty Kat]

A58

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19.08.2024

Blitz 3min A58: Benko/Volga Gambit:
Lines with 5 bxa6

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 e6 6.Nc3 exd5 7.Nxd5 Be7
8.Nxe7 White is slightly better. 8...Qxe7
9.Bf4**

[9.Nf3 Bxa6 10.Bf4 d5 11.Qa4+
Nbd7 12.e3 c4 13.Be2 0-0 14.0-0
Nc5 15.Qc2 Nfe4 16.b3 Nd3
17.Bxd3 cxd3 18.Qb2 g5 19.Bg3
Rac8 20.Rfc1 h5 21.Nd4 d2
22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Rd1 Qc5
0-1 (28) Chasin,N (2303)-Bernadskiy,
V (2629) PNWCC Online Masters
rapid 2020 (9.4)]

[9.e3 d5 10.Nf3 0-0 11.Be2 Bxa6
12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.0-0 Rfd8 14.b3
Ne4 15.Bb2 Nb4 16.a3 Nc6 17.Rc1
Rab8 18.b4 Na7 19.Be5 Rbc8
20.bxc5 Nxc5 21.Bd4 Nb5 22.a4
Nxd4 23.exd4 Ne4 1-0 (37) Kocharin,
T (2266)-Deveci,H (2225) Titled
Tuesday intern op 04th Mar Early blitz
2025 (11)]

9...d5! 10.e3 0-0 11.Nf3 h6N

[11...Rd8 12.Be2 Bxa6 13.Bxa6
(13.0-0 Nc6 14.Bxa6 Rxa6 15.a3
h6 1) Benko Gambit Fully Accepte-5...
e6 6.Nc3 exd5 7.Nxd5 Be7) 13...Rxa6
14.Qe2 Re6 15.0-0 Ne4 16.Bxb8
Rxb8 17.Rfe1 Rh6 18.h3 Qe6 19.a4
Rg6 20.Kh2 Rf6 21.a5 Ra8 22.Rf1
g5 23.Ne1 c4 24.Kg1 h5 25.Nf3 g4
26.Nd4 ½-½ (32) Susla,V (2350)-
Nichols,S (2408) ST-2020-0-00152]

**12.a3 Rd8 13.h3 Ne4 14.Rc1 c4
15.Nd4 Bd7 0.59/20**

[15...Qh4= 0.14/20 was preferable.
16.g3 Qf6]

16.Qh5 -0.42/23

[16.Be2± 0.59/20]

16...g5! 17.Bh2 Rxa6 18.Be2 Nc6

19.Nxc6 Rxc6 20.0-0 Bf5! 21.Rfd1

Nc5 -0.01/19

[21...Re6 0.49/21]

22.h4 -0.53/19

[White should play 22.a4= -0.01/19]

22...Rg6 next ...Kh7 is good for Black.

23.hxg5 hxg5 24.Qf3 -0.99/20

[24.Bf1!= -0.26/21]

24...Be4 Black has strong compensation. **25.Qg3 Bd3!**

Black has some pressure. Black has more active pieces. **26.Bh5 -2.15/23**

[26.Bf3 0.65/20]

26...Rh6!+ White is weak on the light squares **27.Bf3 f5! 28.b4 Ne4**

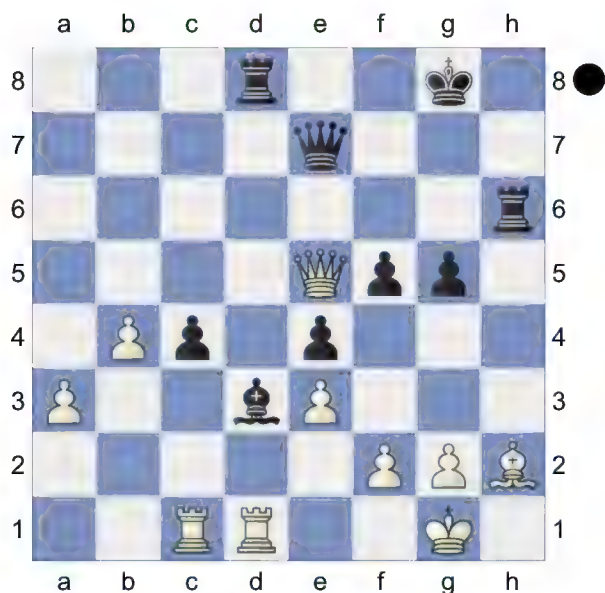
This move loses the game for White.

29.Bxe4 -3.29/22

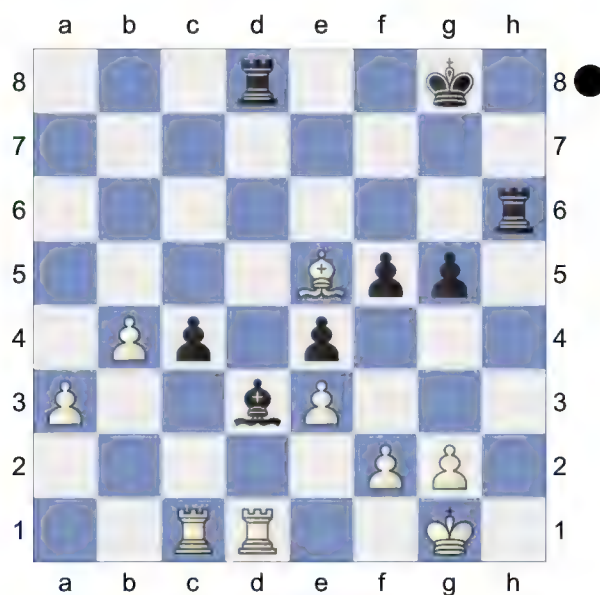
[29.Qc7 1.43/23 is a better defense. Qxc7 30.Bxc7]

29...dxe4 30.Qe5? -3.84/23

[30.f3 2.18/22 was forced. exf3 Discovered Attack 31.Qe5]



30...Qxe5! 31.Bxe5



Rxc4! is the strong threat. **31...Re8!**

32.Bd4 -5.19/22

[32.Bc7 -3.05/20 Ra8 33.Be5 (33.b5 Rxa3 34.b6 Rb3=)]

32...g4 33.Bc5 -7.07/21

[33.Bc3 -4.50/22 Re7 34.f4 exf3 Discovered Attack (34...gxf3? 35.b5 35.gxf3)]

33...Kf7 34.Bd4 Inhibits Reh8. **34...Rh5**

35.f4 -8.29/21

[35.b5 -5.04/19 Re6 36.f3]

35...gxf3 36.Rd2 Rg5 37.Ra1 Rc8

38.Bc3 Rcg8 39.Raa2 f4 40.exf4 Rg3

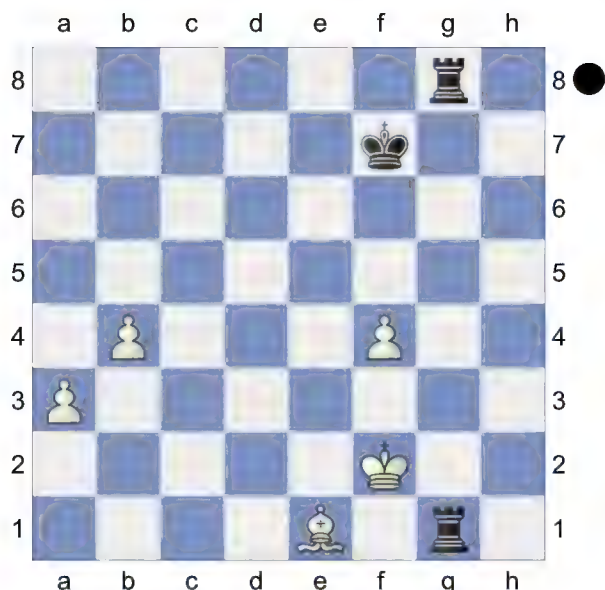
41.Bd4 Bb1 42.Ra1 c3 Deflection

43.Bxc3 e3 44.Rxb1 exd2 KRR-KRB

45.Kf2 fxg2 46.Bxd2 g1Q+ 47.Rxg1

Rxg1 48.Be1

(Diagram)



Rxe1! 49.Kxe1 KR-K3P 49...Rg3
Hoping for ...Re3+. 50.a4 Rg4 51.Kd2
Rxf4 KR-KPP 52.Kc3 Ke6 53.Kb3
Kd5 54.Kc3 Rf2 55.Kd3 Ra2 56.a5
Rb2 57.Kc3 Rb1 58.a6 Ra1 59.b5
Rb1 -10.67/21

[59...Kc5 -#18/22 60.Kd3 Kxb5
61.Ke4 Rxa6 (61...Kxa6? 62.Kf4-+)
62.Kf5 Ra4 63.Kf6 Kc6 64.Ke5 Rb4
65.Kf6 Rb5 66.Ke7 Re5+ 67.Kf7
Kd7 68.Kf6 Ra5 69.Kf7 Ra6 70.Kg8
Ke8 71.Kg7 Ke7 72.Kh8 Rg6
73.Kh7 Kf7 74.Kh8 Rh6#]

60.a7 Ra1

[60...Rxb5 61.a8Q+ (61.a8B+
Kd6=) 61...Kd6 62.Qd8+ Kc6
63.Qe8+ Kb6 64.Qe3+ Ka6
65.Kc4+-]

61.b6 Kc6 62.a8Q+ Rxa8 63.Kc4
Kxb6 KR-K 64.Kd4 Re8 65.Kd5 Kb5
66.Kd4 Kc6 67.Kc4 Rd8 68.Kb3 Kc5
69.Kc3 Kb5 70.Kb3 Rc8 71.Ka2 Ka4
-6.33/5

[71...Kc4 -#5/12 72.Kb2 Kb4
73.Ka1 Rc2 74.Kb1 Kb3 75.Ka1
Rc1#]

72.Kb2 Kb4 Black mates. 73.Ka2 Kc3
74.Ka1 Kc2 75.Ka2

Weighted Error Value: White=0.85/
Black=0.08 (flawless)

75...Ra8#

0-1

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■ Andreikin,Dmitry

11th Aeroflot Open A (2)

[Kitty Kat]

A58

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08.02.2012

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5
bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.Nf3 Bg7
8.Nd2 Qa5 9.g3 d6 10.Bg2 0-0
11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Qc2 Rfc8N

[12...Rfb8 13.Rd1 Ne8 (13...Ne5
14.h3 Nfd7 15.Kh2 Ra7 16.f4
A 58/18 2000) 14.Rb1 Nc7 15.Nb3
Qb4 16.Bd2 Ne5 17.Be1 Nb5
18.Nxb5 Qxb5 19.Nc1 Qc4 20.Bc3
Bc8 21.b3 Nf3+ 22.Bxf3 Qxc3
23.Qxc3 Bxc3 A 58/18 2000]

[12...Ne8 13.Nb3 Qc7 14.Rb1 Nef6
15.Nd2 Qa5 16.b3 Rfb8 17.a3 Ne8
18.Bb2 Nc7 19.Rfc1 Ne5 20.b4
cxb4 21.axb4 Qxb4 22.Nce4 Nf3+
23.Bxf3 Bxb2 24.Rxb2 Qxb2
25.Qxb2 Rxb2 26.Rxc7 ; -; 3.♙g5
h6 4.♙h4 31846-Melnikov,A 6th LCT
GpA 2012]

13.Rd1 Rab8 14.Rb1 -0.01/19

[14.Nf1± 0.36/19]

14...Ne5 15.h3 Nfd7 16.Nb3 Qb6
17.Bg5 h6! 18.Bd2

[18.Bxe7 Re8 19.Bxd6 Qxd6]

18...Nc4! 19.Be1 Qa7 0.63/20

[19...Qb4= -0.01/19]

20.Nc1 -0.01/20

[20.Nd2± 0.63/20]

20...Nde5 0.46/19

[20...Rb6= -0.01/20 should be considered.]
21.Kh2 -0.35/20
 [21.Nd3!± 0.46/19]
21...Rc7 0.01/17
 [21...Rb6± -0.35/20]
22.Nb3!= Rcb7 0.07/17
 [22...h5± -0.32/19]
23.Rdc1 Bb5 24.Bh1 -0.49/19
 [24.Ra1= 0.17/20]
24...Bd7 0.06/18
 [24...Rb6± -0.49/19]
25.Bg2 -0.77/16
 [25.Ra1!= 0.06/18]
25...h5 -0.18/16
 [25...Bf5± -0.77/16 26.e4 Bc8]
26.Qd1 -1.11/19
 [26.Ra1!= -0.18/16 remains equal.]
26...Ba4± 27.Nxa4 Qxa4 28.Bc3 Qxa2
29.Na5 -3.11/21 Nxa5+ 30.Ra1



Qb3 31.Rxa5 Qxd1 32.Rxd1 Nc4!
33.Ra4 Nxb2 34.Bxb2 Rxb2 35.Bf3
Rc2 36.Kg2 Bf6 37.Kf1 Rb4
 Inhibits Be4. **38.Rxb4 cxb4 Endgame**
 KRB-KRB. Black is a pawn up. **39.Rb1**
Bc3 40.Be4 Rd2 41.Bd3 Kf8 42.f4
-2.68/22
 [♠42.Kg2 -1.73/20]

42...Ke8 43.Kf2 Kd8 44.Kf3 Kc7
45.Bb5 Kd8 0.01/23 Prevents Be8
 [45...Rxd5 46.Be8±]
 [45...g5!+ -2.52/20 46.Be8 gxf4
 (46...Rxd5 47.Bxf7 Rc5 48.e3±)
 47.gxf4 Kb6 (47...Rxd5 48.Bxf7 Rf5
 49.Be6±)]
46.Bc4 -1.42/21
 [46.Bd3!= 0.01/23 was the only way
 to keep the balance.]
46...Ke8!± 47.g4 Kf8 -1.01/23
 [♠47...Kd7 -1.56/21 48.g5 Kc7]
48.gxh5 gxh5 49.Bb3 -1.90/23
 [49.Ke3± -1.02/23]
49...Ke8 -0.58/22
 [49...Kg7+ -1.90/23 50.Ke3 Kf6]
50.Rg1 -1.61/26
 [50.Ke3± -0.58/22]
50...Rb2 -1.02/23
 [50...Kd7+ -1.61/26 51.Rg8 Kc7]
51.Bc4 Kd7 -0.83/23
 [♠51...Kf8 -1.25/24 52.Ke4 Bd2]
52.Bb5+? -2.41/24
 [52.Ra1± -0.83/23 was necessary.]
52...Kd8 -1.34/26
 [52...Kc7+ -2.41/24 53.Bd3 Ra2]
53.Ra1 Rd2 -0.63/22 Against Bd3
 [53...Kc7± -1.56/23 White must now
 prevent ...Rd2. 54.Ra8 b3]
54.Ra8+ -1.48/5
 [54.Ra7!± -0.63/22]
54...Kc7 55.Bc4 Bf6 -0.60/27
 [55...Kb7± -1.54/26 56.Rd8 Bf6
 57.Rd7+ Kb6]
56.Ra4 -1.16/28
 [56.Ra2± -0.60/27 Rd1 57.Ra4]
56...Rb2 57.Ke3 -1.44/25
 [57.Ke4 -0.76/26]
57...h4 58.Bd3 -1.47/27
 [♠58.Kf3 -1.01/24]
58...Rb3! 59.Ra7+ Kb6 60.Ra6+ Kb7!
 [60...Kc5 61.Ke4 Rxd3 62.exd3+-
 (62.Kxd3 b3+-)]

61.Ra5 Bc3!

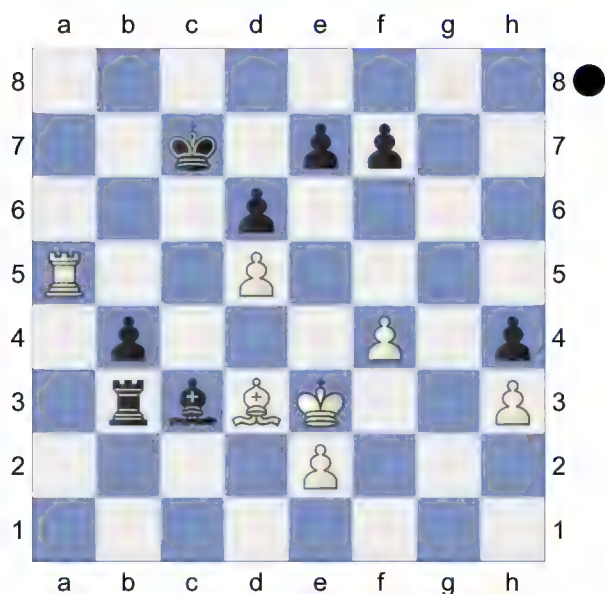
[61...Kb6 62.Rb5+ Kc7 63.Ke4 $\bar{f}$]

62.Rb5+ -1.56/26

[Δ 62.Ke4 -0.86/28]

62...Kc7 63.Ra5 -1.59/27

[63.Kf3 -1.16/26]



63...Bf6? 0.01/27

[63...Ra3! $\bar{f}$ -1.59/27 64.Rxa3 bxa3]

64.Ra7+!= Kb6 0.01/25

[64...Kb8! $\bar{f}$ -0.70/28 65.Ra5 Kc7]

65.Ra6+! Kb7

[65...Kc5?! 66.Ke4 Rxd3 67.exd3 $\pm$ (67.Kxd3 b3 $\pm$)]

66.Ra5! Bb2 67.Rb5+ -1.00/25

[Better is 67.Kf3 $\bar{f}$ -0.45/25]

67...Kc7 $\bar{f}$ 68.Ra5 Kb7 0.01/24

Prevents Ra7+.

[Black should play 68...Ra3 $\bar{f}$ -1.04/27 69.Rxa3 Bc1+ (69...Bxa3 70.Bc4=; 69...bxa3 70.Bc4=) 70.Ke4 Bxa3 (70...bxa3 71.Bc4 $\bar{f}$)]

69.Rb5+=

(Diagram)



Kc8! 70.Ke4 Bf6 71.Kf5 Kc7 -0.01/23

[71...Bc3 $\bar{f}$ -0.42/24]

72.Ke4 -0.58/27

[72.Kg4= -0.01/23]

72...Kc8 0.01/30

[72...Bg7 $\bar{f}$ -0.58/27]

73.Rb6 Kc7 74.Rb5! Rb2 -0.30/26

[74...Bg7 $\bar{f}$ -0.66/27 75.Kf5 Bc3]

75.Ke3 Bc3 76.Ra5 Kb7 77.Rb5+ Kc8 78.Ra5 Wards off Ra2 78...b3 -0.01/23

[78...Rb3 $\bar{f}$ -0.52/22 79.Ra7 Bf6]

79.Rb5 The position is equal. 79...Bf6 80.Rb4 Kc7 81.Ba6 Ra2 82.Rb7+ Kd8

[82...Kc8!? 83.Rb6+ $\square$ Kd7 84.Rb7+ (84.Bc4 Rc2 $\bar{f}$) 84...Kc8=]

83.Rb8+

[83.Bc4 Rc2 84.Bxb3 Rc3+ 85.Ke4 Rxh3 $\bar{f}$]

83...Kc7 84.Rb7+ Kc8 85.Rb6+ Kc7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/ Black=0.32

86.Ke4? -36.65/36 An unexpected result.

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□ Seviaan, Samuel

■ Tregubov, Pavel V.

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[Kitty Kat]

A57

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Blitz 10min A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 2 Nf6 2 2.c4 1 c5 1 3.d5 2 b5 0
4.f3 14 b4 27 5.e4 1 d6 0 6.Bd3 23
g6 2 7.f4 1 Bg7 3 8.Nf3 1 The position
is equal. 8...0-0 4 9.0-0 1 e6 0.30/23
1:17

[9...Nbd7 -0.15/21]

10.Nbd2N -0.30/22 6

[10.e5 0.30/23 dxe5 11.fxe5 Ng4
12.Bg5 Qe8 13.Be4 Bb7 14.dxe6
Bxe4 15.e7 Nc6 16.exf8Q+ Qxf8
17.Nbd2 Bf5 18.Re1 Ngxe5
Chapter-Games Chapter 9 Game 9]

10...Re8 0.69/22 7

[10...exd5= -0.30/22 11.cxd5 Nbd7]

11.Kh1? -1.05/23 8

[11.e5± 0.69/22 was the only good
move.]

11...Nbd7! 3 12.Rb1 -1.22/22 7

[12.e5! 7 -0.36/21]

12...a5 -0.72/22 16

[12...exd5! -1.22/22 13.cxd5 Nb6]

13.b3 2 a4 1 14.Bb2 -1.27/23 0

[14.dxe6! 7 -0.67/19 fxe6 15.bxa4]

14...e5 -0.78/23 11

[14...axb3 -1.27/23 15.axb3 Ra2]

15.fxe5 4 Nxe5 1.10/22 9

[15...Ng4 7 -0.91/22 16.e6 fxe6
17.dxe6 (17.Bxg7 Ne3 7) 17...Ndf6
(17...Rxe6 18.Qe2 7)]

16.Nxe5± 4 dxe5 1 17.Nf3 -0.17/21 0

[17.a3± 0.96/20]

17...Nh5 1.23/22 12

[17...Ng4= -0.17/21]

18.Qe1 -0.01/22 3

[18.bxa4 Bd7±]

[White should play 18.a3!± 1.23/22]

18...Ra7 0.95/21 50

[18...Nf4= -0.01/22 19.Rd1 Nxd3
20.Rxd3 f5 21.exf5 e4 22.Bxg7
exd3]

19.Qe3 -0.01/21 10

[19.a3!± 0.95/21]

19...Qd6 0.87/21 3

[19...a3!= -0.01/21 20.Bc1 (20.Qxc5
Rc7+) 20...Qe7]

20.Rf2? -1.41/20 1

[20.a3± 0.87/21 keeps the pressure
on.]



20...Nf4 0.01/24 14

[20...a3! 7 -1.41/20 21.Ba1 Rae7]

21.g3 -0.85/22 9

[21.Bc2= 0.01/24 remains equal.]

21...Nxd3 -0.33/21 2

[21...Nh3 7 -0.85/22 ...Bh6! would now
be deadly. 22.Rff1 f5]

22.Qxd3 7 0

(Diagram)



f5 -0.18/22 12

[Black should play 22...a3! ♣ -0.74/23
23.Ba1 Rc7]

23.Nh4 -1.66/24 4

[23.Re1!= -0.18/22]

23...axb3 -0.81/22 45

[23...a3+- -1.66/24 24.Bc1 Rf7
25.exf5 gxf5]

24.axb3 ♣ 1 Rf7 0.57/23 2

[24...fxe4 ♣ -1.17/27 25.Qxe4 Bh3]

25.Rbf1 -0.14/25 4

[25.exf5 ± 0.57/23 gxf5 26.Nxf5]

25...f4 2:38 26.gxf4 1:17 exf4 1

27.Bxg7 1 Kxg7 0 28.Nf3 0 Bg4! 1

29.Ng5↑ 1 White has the initiative.

29...Rff8 2 30.Rg1 1 h6 0.37/23 57

[30...Bh5= 0.01/23]

31.Rxg4 ± 4 hxg5 1 32.Rxg5 1

White stays focused until the end.

32...Re5? 1.73/23 0

[32...Qf6= 0.15/24 33.Rg1 Qe5]

33.Rg4+- 7 g5 4.51/22 3

[33...Rh5 1.66/23 34.Qd2 f3]

34.h4 7 Rh8? 8.85/21 1

[34...Qg6 2.17/19 35.d6 Qxe4+
36.Qxe4 Rxe4]

35.Rxf4 4 Rxh4+ 20 36.Rxh4 1 gxf4 2

Endgame KQR-KQR. White is a pawn

up. **37.Qf3 7 Rg5 15 38.Qxf4 7.84/25 43**

[38.Rxf4? is a self mate. Qh6+]

[⚡38.Qh3 32.45/26 Qf6 39.Qd7+
Kf8 40.Qc8+ Kg7 41.Qh8+
(41.Qxc5 Qa1+ 42.Kh2 Qb2+)
41...Kf7 42.Rh7+ Rg7 43.Rxg7+
Qxg7 44.Qxg7+ Kxg7 45.e5]

38...Qxf4 1 39.Rxf4 1 KR-KR. White is

two pawns up. **39...Rg3 0 40.e5 0**

Rxb3 1 41.e6 0 Re3 4 42.Kg2 1

Black must now prevent Rf7+. **42...b3 1**

43.Kf2 1 b2 5 44.Rf7+ 0

[44.Kxe3? b1Q (44...b1B 45.d6
Bc2 46.d7 Bh7 47.d8Q) 45.Re4
Qg1+ 46.Kf3 Kf8 47.Rf4+ Ke7-+]

44...Kg6 4 45.Rb7! 0

[45.Kxe3? b1Q (45...b1B? loses.
46.Rf2+-) 46.Rf8 Qe1+ 47.Kd3
Qd1+ (47...Qe5? 48.Rf2-+) 48.Ke3
Qd4+ 49.Kf3 Qxc4 50.Rg8+ Kh6-+
(50...Kf6? 51.Rf8+ Kg7 52.Rf7+
Kg6 53.Ke3-+)]

45...Rc3 8 46.Rxb2 2 Rxc4 2 47.d6 1

White wants to mate with d7. **47...Rd4 2**

48.d7 7.27/21 2

[⚡48.e7 #13/27 Kf7 49.Rb8 Re4
50.Rf8+ Kg6 51.e8Q+ (51.e8B+
Kg7+-) 51...Rxe8 52.Rxe8 Kh7
53.d7 (53.Re7+ Kg6 54.d7 Kh6
55.Kg3 Kg6 56.d8Q Kg5 57.Re6+
Kh5 58.Qh4#)]

48...Kf6 6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.86/

Black=1.38

49.Rb8 1

1-0

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Blitz

[Kitty Kat]

A58

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17.08.2024

Blitz 3min A58: Benko/Volga Gambit:
Lines with 5 bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 e6 6.Nc3 exd5 7.Nxd5 Be7
8.Nxe7 White is slightly better. 8...Qxe7
9.Bf4

[9.Nf3 Bxa6 10.Bf4 d5 11.Qa4+
Nbd7 12.e3 c4 13.Be2 0-0 14.0-0
Nc5 15.Qc2 Nfe4 16.b3 Nd3
17.Bxd3 cxd3 18.Qb2 g5 19.Bg3
Rac8 20.Rfc1 h5 21.Nd4 d2
22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Rd1 Qc5
0-1 (28) Chasin,N (2303)-Bernadskiy,
V (2629) PNWCC Online Masters
rapid 2020 (9.4)]

[9.e3 d5 10.Nf3 0-0 11.Be2 Bxa6
12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.0-0 Rfd8 14.b3
Ne4 15.Bb2 Nb4 16.a3 Nc6 17.Rc1
Rab8 18.b4 Na7 19.Be5 Rbc8
20.bxc5 Nxc5 21.Bd4 Nb5 22.a4
Nxd4 23.exd4 Ne4 1-0 (37) Kocharin,
T (2266)-Deveci,H (2225) Titled
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9...d5 10.e3 0-0 11.Nf3 h6N

[11...Rd8 12.Be2 Bxa6 13.Bxa6
(13.0-0 Nc6 14.Bxa6 Rxa6 15.a3
h6 1) Benko Gambit Fully Accepte-5...
e6 6.Nc3 exd5 7.Nxd5 Be7) 13...Rxa6
14.Qe2 Re6 15.0-0 Ne4 16.Bxb8
Rxb8 17.Rfe1 Rh6 18.h3 Qe6 19.a4
Rg6 20.Kh2 Rf6 21.a5 Ra8 22.Rf1
g5 23.Ne1 c4 24.Kg1 h5 25.Nf3 g4
26.Nd4 ½-½ (32) Susla,V (2350)-
Nichols,S (2408) ST-2020-0-00152]

12.a3 Nxa6 13.Be2 c4 14.Be5 0.20/18

[14.b3± 0.64/19]

14...Nc5= 15.Bxf6 0.14/21

[15.Bc3± 0.51/19 might be stronger.]

15...Qxf6 16.Qxd5 Qxb2 17.0-0 Qxe2

18.Qxc5 Bb7! 19.Rfe1 Qd3 20.Rad1

-0.01/20

[20.e4± 0.38/20]

20...Qg6 21.Nh4± White has

counterplay 21...Qe6 22.Nf5

aiming for e4!. 22...Be4 23.Nd6 Bd3

24.e4 Ra6 25.e5 Rfa8 26.Rc1 Ra5

[26...Rxa3 27.Nxc4 Bxc4 28.Qxc4
Qxc4 29.Rxc4 Ra1]

27.Qd4 Rd5 28.Qe3 Raa5 29.f4

[29.Nxc4 simplifies Bxc4 30.Rxc4
Rxe5 31.Re4]

29...Rxa3 30.Nxc4 Ra2 31.Nb6 Rd8

[31...Qg6!? 32.g3□ (32.Rc8+?
Kh7-+) 32...Rd8=]

Loses the game. 32.Ra1? -3.58/23

[32.Rc8!= -0.01/20 and White has
nothing to worry. Rxc8 33.Nxc8]

32...Bf5!-+ 33.Rxa2 Qxa2 34.e6?

-5.20/24

[34.Qf2 -3.13/20 Rd2 35.Qf3]

34...fxe6

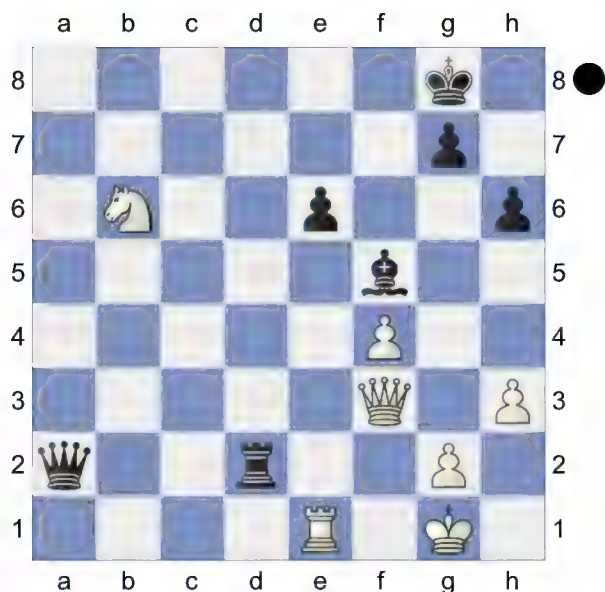
[34...Bxe6 35.h3±]

35.h3 -6.33/24

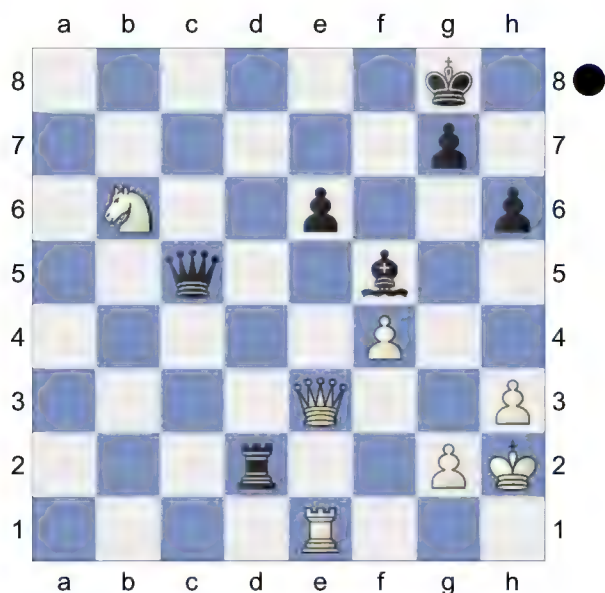
[Δ35.Qe2 -4.31/23 Rd2 36.Qf3]

35...Rd2 36.Qf3

(Diagram)



Qc2! 37.Kh2 Qc5 Wards off Re3
38.Qe3



Qb4 39.Nc8 Ra2 and **...Qb7** should not be overlooked. White is weak on the light squares

[39...e5? 40.Ne7+ Qxe7 41.Qxd2+-]
40.Rg1 -6.91/23

[40.Rd1 -4.22/26 Be4 41.Rg1]

40...Kh7 41.Kh1 Ra3

[Not 41...e5 42.Nb6+-]

42.Qf2 Rc3 43.Nb6 Rc2 44.Qe3 Rd2
45.Rf1 Be4 46.Rf2 Rd3 Deflection
47.Qe2 Rxh3+ 48.Kg1 Bd3

[48...Qb1+ 49.Qf1 Qxf1+ (49...Rb3 50.Nd7#) 50.Rxf1+-]

49.Qd1 Re3 (-> ...Re1+) 50.Kh2 Qxb6
51.Rf3 Rxf3 52.Qxf3 Qb1 53.Qf2 Qc2
54.Qg3 Be4 55.Qh3



Qxg2+! 56.Qxg2 Bxg2 57.Kxg2
KP-KP. Black is two pawns up. 57...Kg6
58.Kg3 Kf5 59.Kf3 h5 60.Kg3 Ke4
61.Kh4 Kxf4 62.Kxh5 e5 63.Kg6 e4
64.Kxg7 KP-K. Black is a pawn up.
64...Ke5 65.Kf7 e3 66.Ke7 e2 67.Kd7
e1Q

[And not 67...e1B 68.Ke8=]
68.Kc7 Qa5+ 69.Kb8 Ke6 70.Kb7
Kd6 (-> ...Qb5+) 71.Kb8 Kc6 72.Kc8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/
Black=0.24 (precise)

72...Qc7#
0-1

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16th Unive Open (6)

[Kitty Kat]

A57

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24.10.2012

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.e3 Ne4 1.09/18

[5...Bb7± 0.62/20]

[5...Qa5+ 6.Bd2 Qb6 7.Nc3 e6
8.dxe6 fxe6 9.Na4 Qb7 10.Bc3 d5
11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Qh5+ Kd8 13.b6
Nc6 14.b3 Bd6 15.Rc1 Qe7 16.Nf3
Rb8 17.Be2 Rg8 18.0-0 Bb7
19.Rfd1 Rg7 20.e4 1-0 (31) Giertz, N
(2271) - Englund (2427) BCCA
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6.Nd2 Nd6 7.e4N

[7.b6 Bb7 8.e4 e6 9.Nc4 Nxc4
10.Bxc4 Qxb6 11.Nf3 51) Benko: 4...
a6 5.e3-4...a6 5.e3 Ne4 Lifetime
Repertoires: Swiercz's 1. d4 - 2023]

7...Qa5 1.84/17

[7...axb5± 0.61/17 8.Qc2 (8.e5
Nf5±) 8...e6]

8.e5+- White is clearly better. 8...Nf5
2.12/20

[8...Nxb5± 1.59/19 9.Ngf3 Bb7]

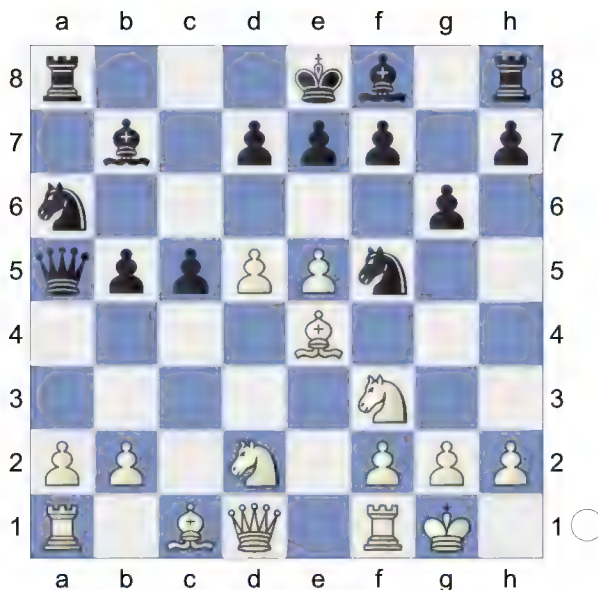
9.Ngf3 axb5 10.Bd3 1.47/17

[White should try 10.b4+- 1.99/19
Qa7 11.Bxb5]

10...g6± 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Be4 Na6?
3.19/19

[12...Qb6± 1.25/18]

(Diagram)



13.d6+- Qb6 14.Re1 Bg7 3.52/21

[14...Nb4 2.27/17 15.Bxb7 Qxb7]

15.Bxb7 Qxb7 16.Ne4 e6 17.g4 Nd4

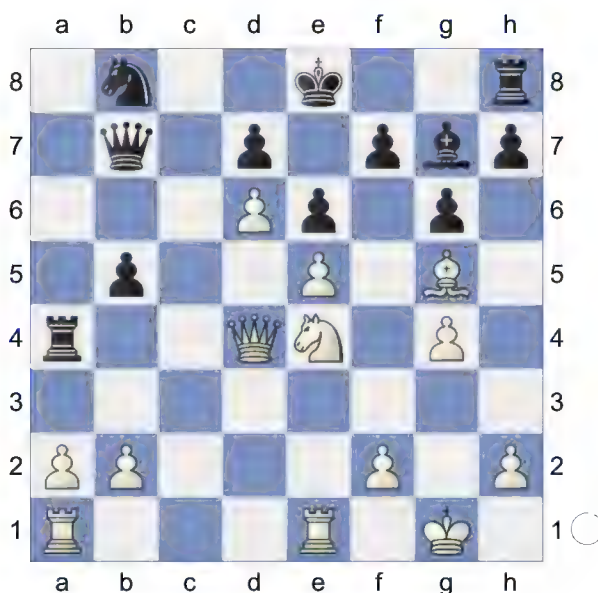
18.Nxd4 cxd4 19.Qxd4 1.95/18

[19.Bg5 3.42/20]

19...Nb8? 3.55/19 Black is weak on the
dark squares

[19...0-0 1.95/18 was called for.
20.Bg5 Nb4]

20.Bg5 Ra4



21.Qc3 Hoping for Qc7. 21...0-0

[21...Nc6 22.Bf6]

22.Qf3 Bxe5 7.01/22

[22...Nc6 2.83/19 23.Nc5 Qa7
24.Nxa4 Qxa4]

23.Nf6+ Discovered Attack. White is clearly winning. 23...Bxf6 24.Qxb7 Rxb7 25.Kf1 Rxb7 26.Rac1 Kg7 27.Rc8 Rxc8 28.Qxc8 Nc6 29.Qxd7 Nd4 30.Qb7 Rd5 31.d7 h5 32.Rd1 Rd6 33.a3 g5 34.b3 Bd8 35.Qc8 Bf6 36.a4 bxa4 Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/ Black=0.78
37.bxa4
1-0

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□ Huebner, Robert

■ Kasparov, Garry

Cologne TVm2 (2)

[TA]

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A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

RR: 'Inf 64/(58)' 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nf3 g6 5.cxb5 a6 6.b6 Qxb6 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.e4 0-0 9.Be2 d6 10.Nd2 Nbd7 11.0-0 Rb8 12.Nc4

[12.a4 Bb7 13.Nc4 Qc7 14.a5 Ba8 15.Bg5 Rb4 16.Qd2 Rfb8 17.Ra2 Ne8 18.f4 Bd4+ 19.Kh1 Nef6 20.Bd3 Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Bxd5 22.Qe2 Bxc4 23.Bxc4 Rxb2 24.Qd3 e6 25.Qh3 d5 26.f5 Qe5 0-1 (43) Almeida, O (2484)-Gunnarsson, J (2395) Capablanca mem Premier II 2002 (9)]

12...Qc7 13.Bf4

[13.a4 Rb4 14.a5 Ne8 15.Bd2 Qa7 16.Na4 Rb7 17.Nab6 Nc7 18.Bg4 Na8 19.Nxa8 Qxa8 20.Bxd7 Bxd7 21.Nb6 Rxb6 22.axb6 Bxb2 23.Rb1 Bf6 24.Qf3 Bb5 25.Rfc1 Qb7 Seirawan, Y (2625)-Shirov, A (2695) 64/

(58) Amsterdam 1995]

13...Nb6 14.e5N 0.19/21

[14.Ne3± 0.62/16]

14...Ne8= 15.exd6 exd6 0.57/18

[15...Nxd6= 0.09/18 deserves consideration. 16.Na5 Bd7]

16.Qd2 -0.01/17

[Better is 16.Qc1± 0.57/18]

16...Nxc4 0.60/18

[Black should play 16...Bg4!= -0.01/17

17.Ne3 Bxe2 18.Qxe2 Qd8]

17.Bxc4± Nf6 18.Rfe1 Ng4 1.01/17

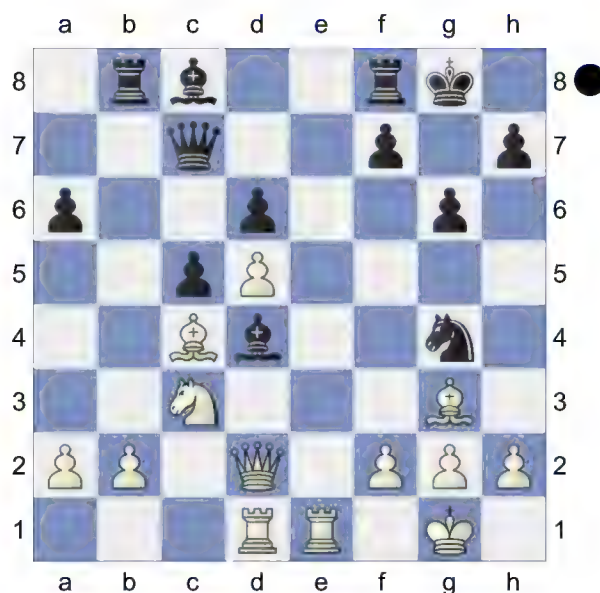
[18...Bd7± 0.33/19]

19.Rad1 -0.01/18

[19.b3± 1.01/17]

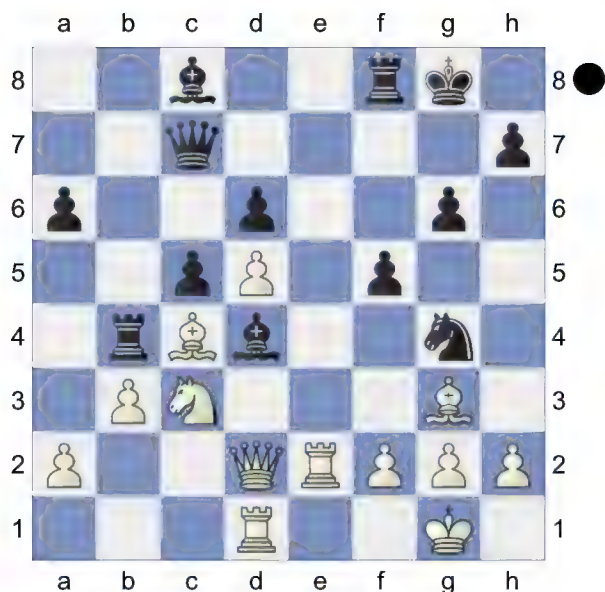
19...Bd4!= 20.Bg3 -0.77/20

[20.Re2= 0.06/19]



20...f5! 21.Re2 Rb4 22.b3

(Diagram)



A mistake that costs the game.
22...Qg7? 4.21/21 Black is more active.

[22...f4 23.Bxf4 Bxc3 24.Qxc3+-]

[22...Qd8!± -0.91/19 keeps the pressure on. ...g5 is the strong threat.

23.h3 f4 (23...Ne5 24.Bxe5 dxe5 25.Ree1=) 24.Bxf4 Nxf2 25.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 26.Qxf2 g5]

23.Bxd6+- Bxc3 24.Qf4 Rd8 25.Re7

[25.Bxc5 Rb7±]

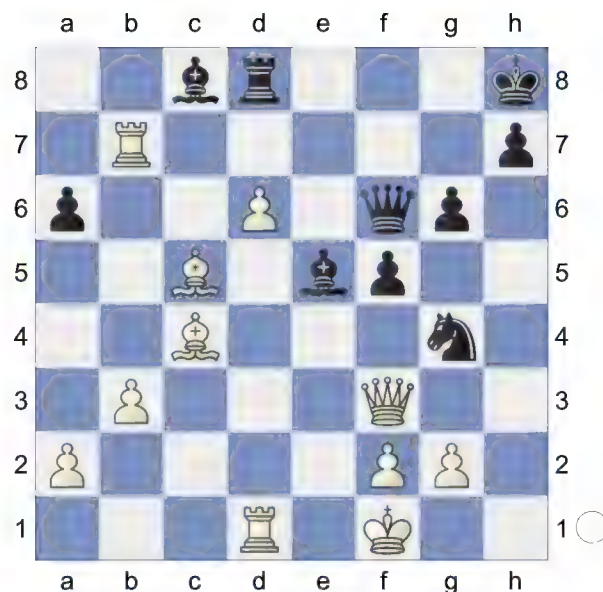
25...Qf6 26.Bxc5 Rb7 8.53/21

Inhibits Qc7.

[26...Be5 3.69/19 27.d6+ (27.Rxe5 Rxc4 28.bxc4 Qxe5±) 27...Kh8 28.Rxe5 g5 (28...Rxc4? 29.Qxc4 Nxe5 30.Bd4+-)]

27.Rxb7 Be5 28.d6+ Kh8 29.Qf3 Bxh2+ 30.Kf1 Be5

(Diagram)



31.Qd5! Bxb7 32.Qxb7 Qh4 33.d7 Bf6 34.a4 Qh5 35.Rd6

[Weaker is 35.Qxa6 Ne3+ 36.fxe3 Qxd1+ 37.Kf2 Qc2+ 38.Kg1 Qd1+ 39.Bf1 Kg7±]

35...Ne5 36.Qd5

[36.Rxf6? Qd1#]

36...Nxc4 37.bxc4 13.91/22

[37.Rxf6 33.42/25 Qg5 38.Rf8+ (38.Rxa6 Qc1+ 39.Ke2 Qb2+ 40.Kf3 Qc3+ 41.Be3 Nxe3+-) 38...Kg7 39.Rf7+ Kh6 40.Qxc4 (40.bxc4 Qc1+ 41.Ke2 Qc2+ 42.Kf3 Qe4+ 43.Qxe4 fxe4+ 44.Kxe4 Rg8 45.Bf8+ Rxf8)]

37...Bg7 38.Re6 White wants to mate with Re8+. **38...g5**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.81/ Black=1.17

39.Bb6 Loss on time!?

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□ Korchnoi, V

■ Jones, G

Gibtelecom Masters (2)

24.01.2007

[Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.e3 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.a4 0-0 8.Nf3
Bb7 9.Be2 axb5 10.Bxb5 e6 11.dxe6
fxe6 12.Qd6

[12.0-0 d5 13.Bd2 Nc6 14.Rc1]

12...Ne4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.0-0 Bxf3

15.gxf3 Rxf3 16.Qd1? -2.91/21

[16.Qxc5? Rf5 17.Qc4 Qg5+

18.Kh1 Rxb5 19.Qc8+ Bf8-+]

[16.Kg2= -0.01/20 and White has
nothing to worry. Qg5+ 17.Kxf3]

16...Qg5+-+ 17.Kh1 Qf5 ...Qh3 is the
strong threat. 18.Rg1 Rxf2 (-> ...Qe4+)

19.Rg2



Bxb2N 0.01/22 20.Rxf2=

[20.Bxb2 Qe4 21.Qg4 Qxg4
(21...Qxe3? 22.Rd1+-) 22.Rxg4
Rxb2+]

20...Qe4+

[20...Qxf2? 21.Ra2+-]

21.Kg1 Bxa1 22.Ba3↑ Discovered

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Attack. White has some pressure.

[22.Qd6 Qg4+ 23.Kh1 Nc6 24.Qxd7
Ne5 25.Qb7]

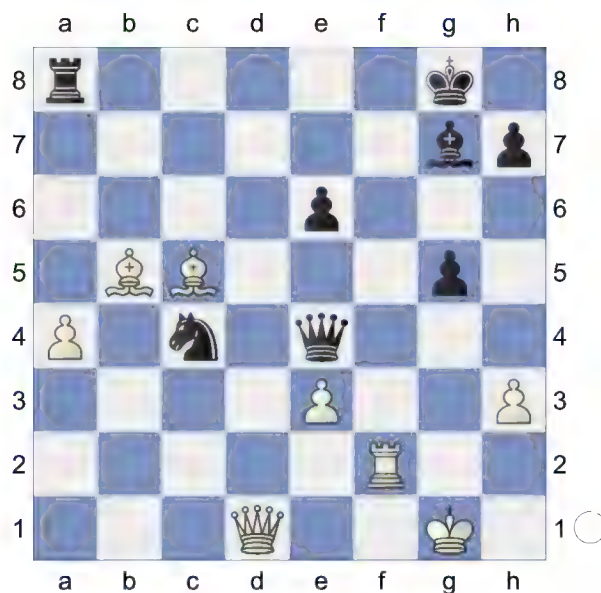
22...Bg7 23.Bxc5 Nc6 24.Qxd7 Ne5
25.Qd1 g5 Inhibits Rf4.

[25...Bh6 feels hotter. 26.Qd6 Nf7
27.Qd7 Ng5]

26.h3 Nc4? 2.19/22

[Reject 26...g4?! 27.hxg4 Qxg4+
28.Qxg4 Nxg4 29.Rg2±]

[26...Qh4= 0.01/18 and Black stays
safe.]



27.Qb3!+- Na5 28.Qb4 Qd5 29.Bd4?
0.09/24

[White should play 29.Bb6+- 2.41/21]

29...Bxd4!= The position is equal.

30.exd4 Nc6 Inhibits Qe7. 31.Bxc6
Qxc6 Endgame KQR-KQR 32.Qe7 Qe8
Against Qf7+ 33.Qxg5+

[33.Qxe8+ simplifies Rxe8 34.a5
Ra8 35.Ra2]

33...Qg6 34.Rg2 Qxg5 35.Rxg5+
KR-KR. White is a pawn up. 35...Kf7
36.a5 Rb8 37.Rh5 Rb4! 38.Rxh7+
Kg6 39.Rd7 Ra4 40.Rd6 Rxa5
41.Rxe6+ Kf5 42.Rh6 Intending Rh5+
and mate. 42...Ke4 43.Kf2 and Rh4+

would now be decisive **43...Rf5+**
44.Kg3 Kxd4 45.Re6 Kd5 46.Re8
 Quite a comeback for White.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/
 Black=0.25 (precise)

46...Re5

1/2-1/2

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□ **Korchnoi,V**

■ **Hartvig,O**

Gibtelecom Masters (6)

[Kitty Kat]

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29.01.2007

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.e3 Bb7 6.Nc3 Qa5 7.Bd2 axb5
8.Bxb5 Qb6! 9.Qb3 0.06/19

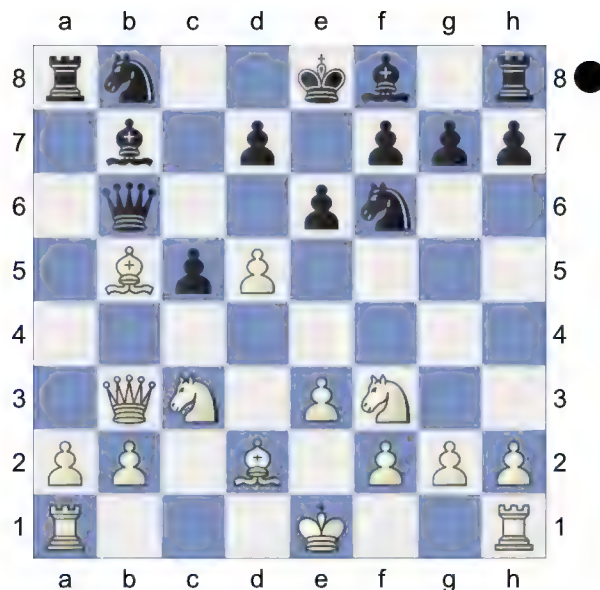
[9.Nf3± 0.82/20]

9...e6= 10.Nf3N

[10.Nge2 Nxd5 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nxd5
 (12.Na4 Qc7 13.e4 Nf6 14.f3 0-0
 15.Bf4 d6 16.Rac1 Qa5 17.a3 Bc6
 18.Nac3 Qb6 19.Bc4 Qxb3 20.Bxb3
 d5 21.exd5 exd5 22.Ng3 c4 23.Ba2
 Bc5+ 24.Kh1 Nbd7 25.Rfd1 Rfe8
 26.Nf5 Ne5 1-0 (53) Friesinger,S-
 Rensen,M C1.1998.0.00123)

12...Bxd5 13.Bc4 Qxb3 14.axb3
 Rxa1 15.Rxa1 Bc6 16.Nc3
 5.00 ♔e7 6.d4 42091-Jonkheer,A
 Magyarorszag (ch) 8/597 1969]

(Diagram)



and e4 should not be overlooked
10...Nxd5 11.0-0 The position is equal.
11...Be7 12.Bc4 Qxb3 13.axb3 Na6
0.12/18

[13...Nb6 -0.28/20]

14.Nxd5 exd5 15.Bb5 Bf6 Wards off
Ne5 16.Bc3 Bxc3 17.bxc3 Ke7
18.Ne5 -0.44/21

[18.Be2= -0.04/20]

18...Rhd8 19.Rfd1 Nc7 20.Ba4 f6
21.Nd3 Ne6 22.b4 d6 0.03/17

[22...c4! ♗ -0.63/21 23.Nb2 f5]

23.f4 -0.34/19

[23.Bc2= 0.03/17]

23...g6 ♗ 24.Rdb1 -0.79/20

[24.g4= -0.12/18]

24...c4 -0.31/21

[24...d4 ♗ -0.79/20 and ...Be4 would
 now be decisive 25.cxd4 cxd4]

25.Ne1 Nc7 0.52/23

[25...d4! ♗ -0.50/22 26.cxd4 (26.exd4
 Nxf4 27.Kf2 Rdb8 ♗) 26...Nc7]

26.Nf3± Ra7 27.Bd1 0.01/23

[27.Bc2!± 0.53/22 Rda8 28.Ra5]

27...Rda8 0.57/24

[27...Rxa1!= 0.01/23 28.Rxa1 Nb5]

28.Rxa7 -0.01/17

[28.Ra5!± 0.57/24]

28...Rxa7= 29.Nd4 Inhibits Nb5.
 29...Ra3 30.Rc1 Ne6 31.Bf3 Nxd4
 32.exd4 Endgame KRB-KRB 32...Ra2
 0.40/22

[32...Kd7= -0.01/22 might be stronger.]

33.Re1+ -0.01/20

[33.h4!± 0.40/22]

33...Kf7 0.99/21

[33...Kd7= -0.01/20 remains equal.]

34.Kf1 0.26/23

[34.g4± 0.99/21]

34...Ra3 35.Re3 Ra1+ 0.96/21

[Black should play 35...f5± 0.31/22]

36.Ke2 0.40/20

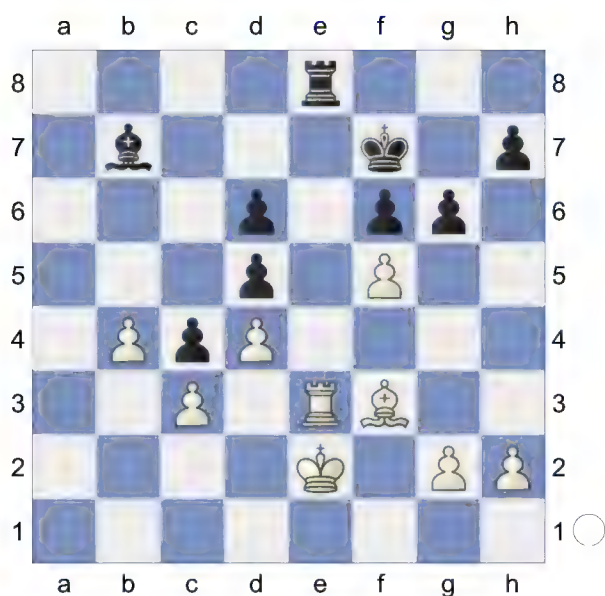
[36.Kf2± 0.96/21]

36...Ra8 1.51/23

[36...f5± 0.40/20]

37.f5± Black cannot hold the game after this. 37...Re8? 9.00/27

[37...Ra2+± 1.41/21 38.Kf1 Rc2]



38.fxg6+ White is clearly winning.

38...hxg6 39.Rxe8 Kxe8 40.h4 f5

41.Ke3 Ke7 42.Kf4 Kf6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/
 Black=0.71

43.b5

1-0

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A58

□ Korobov,A

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■ Miazhynski,Michael

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Chess Slovak Open 2025 (2.1) 24.08.25

[Kitty Kat]

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5 bxa6

ChessCalisthenics: 'A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5 bxa6' 1.d4 Nf6

2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6

g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.g3 d6 8.Bg2 0-0

9.Nf3 Bxa6 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Rb1 Qa5

12.Qc2 Rfb8 13.Rd1 0.22/18

[13.b3± 0.63/18]

13...Ng4= Strongly threatening ...Bxc3.

[13...Ne8 14.Bd2 Nc7 15.a4 Qb6

16.b3 Nf6 17.Be1 e6 18.dxe6 Nxe6

19.e3 Bb7 20.Rbc1 Rd8 21.Nb5

Be4 22.Qe2 d5 23.Nc3 Qxb3

24.Nd2 Qb7 25.f3 Bf5 26.g4 d4

27.gxf5 dxc3 28.fxe6 ½-½ (57)

Jussupow,A (2633)-Ghaem Maghami,

E (2513) World Teams Yerevan ARM

2001 (3)]

[13...Bb7 14.Bd2 Qa6 15.e4 Ng4

16.h3 Nge5 17.Ne1 Qa7 18.b3 c4

19.b4 Qa3 20.f4 Nd3 21.Nxd3 cxd3

22.Qxd3 Ba6 23.b5 Bxb5 24.Rxb5

Rxb5 25.Qxb5 Bxc3 26.Bxc3 Qxc3

27.Qxd7 Rxa2 28.Qg4 1-0 (38)

Drasko,M (2471)-Vidal,L (2043)

Rohde op 12th 2012 (5)]

14.Bg5 0.01/22

[14.Bd2± 0.45/19]

14...Kf8 0.61/19

[14...Bxc3!= 0.01/22 15.bxc3 Rxb1

16.Rxb1 Nb6]

15.h3N

[15.Bd2 Nge5 16.b3 Nxf3+ 17.exf3 c4 18.Na4 cxb3 19.axb3 Qb5 20.Bc3 Nf6 21.Bd4 Qb4 22.Nc3 Kg8 23.Qd2 Qa3 24.Qe3 Qb4 25.Qe1 Kf8 26.f4 Bc8 27.Bf1 Bg4 28.Rd2 Bf5 29.Rbb2 Kg8 1/2-1/2 (37) Urquhart,J (2528)-Cebalo,M (2507) Silivri 88/(160) 2003 30.Rd1 e6 31.Rbd2 Nxd5 32.Nxd5 exd5 33.Bxg7 Kxg7 34.Rxd5 Qxe1 35.Rxe1 Rxb3 36.Rxd6 Rb2 37.Rdd1 1/2-1/2 Bellmann,H (2488)-Loeffler,W (2292) corr 60 years BdF Worldopen EM12 2007]

15...Nge5 White is slightly better.

16.Nxe5! Nxe5 17.Qc1 Bh8 18.Bd2
[18.b3 feels hotter. Nd3 19.exd3 Qxc3 20.Qe3]

18...Kg8 19.Be1 Ra7 20.b3 Rab7 21.f4 Nd7 22.Na4 0.08/21

[22.Bf3± 0.51/19]

22...Qd8 0.61/19

[Black should play 22...Qc7= 0.08/21]

23.Bf3 0.21/19

[23.Qc2± 0.61/19 feels stronger.]

23...Bb5 0.73/18

[23...c4= 0.21/19]

24.Nc3↑ White has good play. **24...Ba6**

25.Ne4 0.30/19

[25.Kg2± 0.74/18]

25...Ra7 1.14/17

[25...c4= 0.30/19 keeps the balance.]

26.Bc3 0.72/18

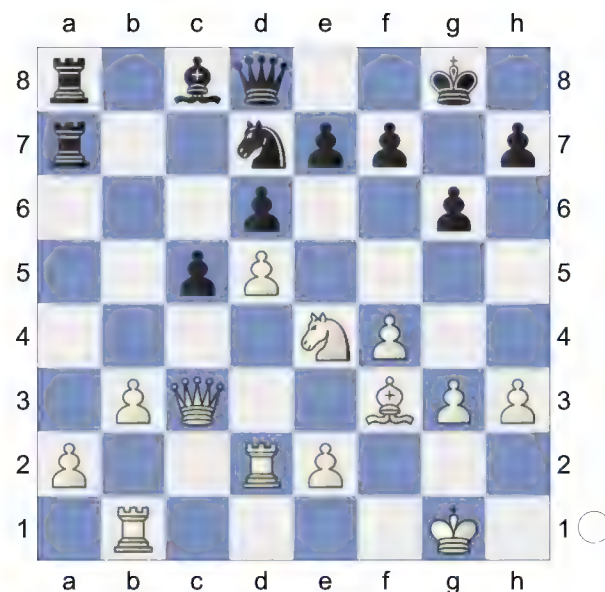
[♞26.g4 1.14/17]

26...Bxc3 27.Qxc3

[27.Nxc3 simplifies Rab7 28.Qe3 c4 29.bxc4 Bxc4 30.Rxb7 Rxb7 31.Kg2]

27...Bc8 28.Rd2 Rba8 1.00/18

[28...Ra3± 0.59/18]



29.Rbb2! White is much more active.

29...Ra3 30.Kg2 Nb8 31.h4 0.38/18

[31.Qe3± 1.06/21]

31...Na6!± 32.Qe3! Nb4 33.Nc3 h5 0.98/21

[33...Qf8± 0.46/21]



34.Qf2 0.43/21

[34.Be4!± 0.98/21]

This move loses the game for Black.

34...Qf8? 2.17/20

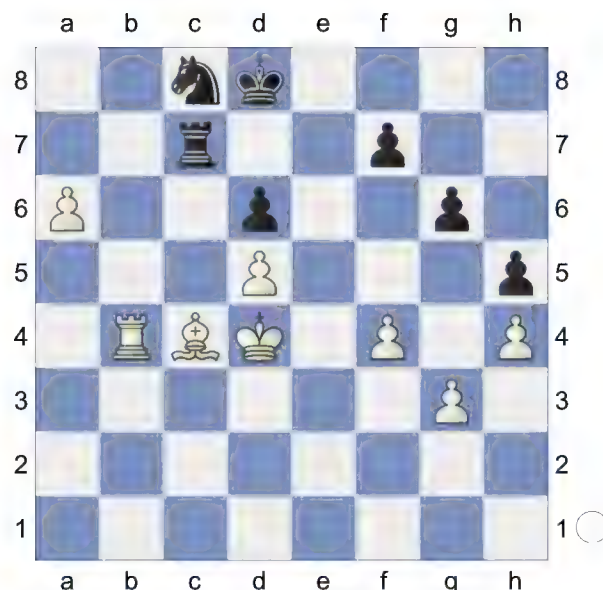
[34...Qa5!± 0.43/21]

35.e4+- Qg7 2.52/21

(Diagram)

[35...Bd7 1.91/19 36.Nb1 R3a5]
36.Nb5 R3a5 2.66/22
 [36...c4± 1.53/22]
37.a4 Ba6 38.Be2 Bxb5 39.Bxb5 Qc3 40.Qf3 Qc1 4.44/19
 [40...Qxf3+ 2.09/20 41.Kxf3 Kh7]
41.Qf1 1.94/21
 [♠41.Be2 4.44/19 R5a7 42.f5]
41...Qxf1+ 42.Kxf1 Rb8 43.Rd1 Ra7 44.Kf2 Na6 45.Re2 1.31/20
 [Better is 45.Bc4+- 1.95/20]
45...Nc7± 46.Bc4 Rb4 1.86/21
 [46...Na8± 1.40/22 47.Ree1 Rb4]
47.e5 1.35/19
 [47.Rd3+- 1.86/21]
47...Ne8 2.55/19
 [47...Na8± 1.35/19]
48.Ra1+- Ng7 2.51/20
 [♠48...Ra5 1.70/19 49.Rae1 Kg7]
49.exd6 exd6 50.a5 Kf8 2.65/21
 [50...Nf5± 1.53/22 51.Re8+ Kg7]
51.a6 Nf5 3.76/22
 [51...Rb6 2.29/21 52.Ra4 Ra8]
52.Ra4 Strongly threatening Rxb4.
52...Rb8 53.b4 cxb4 5.01/22
 [53...Ne7 3.14/19 keeps fighting. 54.bxc5 dxc5]
54.Rb2 White is clearly winning. **54...b3 55.Rxb3 Rxb3 56.Bxb3 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is a pawn up. 56...Ne7 57.Bc4 Nc8 58.Rb4 Wards off Nb6 58...Rc7 59.Ke3 Ke7 60.Kd4 Kd8**

(Diagram)



61.f5! gxf5 62.Rb8 f6 63.Bd3 Ke7 64.Rb7 Kd8 65.Bxf5 Na7 66.Rxc7 Kxc7 67.Bg6 Nb5+ 68.Kd3 Kb6 69.Bxh5 Nc7
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.53
70.Bf7 1-0

74 **A58**
 ♠ **Hakobyan,Aram** **2625**
 ♣ **Sason,Noam** **2205**
 Titled Tue 9th Sep 2025 blitz (3) 9.9.25
 [Kitty Kat]

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5 bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 0.91/21
 [5...e6!± 0.46/20]
6.Nc3± Bg7 7.e4 0-0 8.Nf3 0.30/18
 [8.a7± 0.79/18 Rxa7 9.h3]
8...Qa5!= 9.Bd2 Bxa6 10.Be2 d6 0.91/19
 [10...Qb4± 0.38/20]
11.0-0!± Nbd7
 [11...Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Qa6 13.Qd1

Nbd7 14.Qc2 Rfb8 15.a4 Ne8
 16.Ra3 Nc7 17.Rb1 Nb6 18.b3 Qc8
 19.a5 Nd7 20.Ra4 Na6 21.Nd1 Nb4
 22.Qc4 Qd8 23.Bxb4 cxb4 24.Rxb4
 Rc8 25.Qe2 Rxa5 26.Ne3
 ; -; (33) Delmarko,D (2714)-6. ♔d2
 c5 54370 (2619) blindfold Sydney
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12.Re1 0.14/20

[12.a4± 0.92/18]

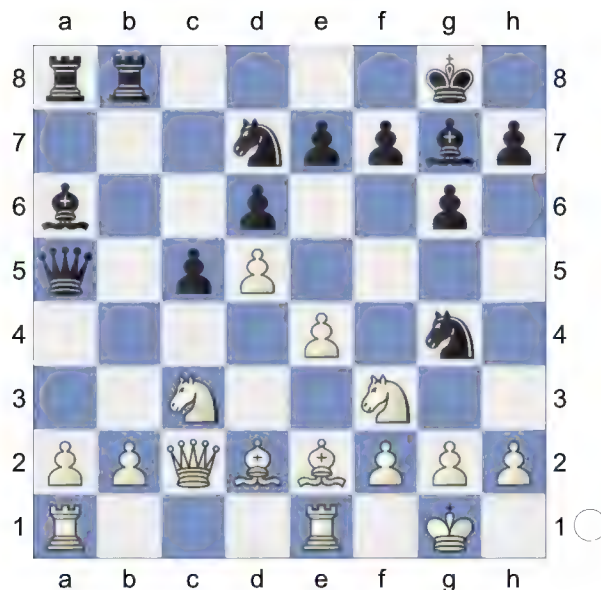
12...Rfb8= Repels Nb5

[12...Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Rfb8 14.Rab1
 Ng4 15.h3 Nge5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5
 17.f4 Bd4+ 18.Kh1 Nf6 19.e5 Nh5
 20.Qg4 Bf2 21.Ne4 Bxe1 22.Bxa5
 Bxa5 23.exd6 exd6 24.Nxd6 Rd8
 25.Nb7 Rxd5 26.Nxa5 Rxa5 27.a3
 1-0 (39) Venkatesh,N (2203)-Gusev,M
 (2250) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th
 Mar Early blitz 2025 (8)]

13.Qc2 Ng4N 1.03/18

[13...Bxe2= 0.13/19 remains equal.
 14.Rxe2 Ng4 15.b3 Qa6 16.Rb1
 Nge5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.a4 Qd3
 19.Be3 Rb4 20.Rd2 Qxc2 21.Rxc2
 Nd3 22.Kf1 c4 23.Ke2 Rxb3 24.Bd2
 Bxc3 25.Rxb3 cxb3 26.Rxc3 b2
 0-1 Kaczmarczyk,D (2407)-Bauer,C
 (2651) TCh-SUI 2015 (7.1)]

(Diagram)



14.Nb5? -0.84/19 Qb6 15.a4 Nge5? 1.97/19

[15...c4!± -0.92/20 stays on course.
 16.Nbd4 (16.Bxc4 Qxf2+ 17.Kh1
 Nde5±) 16...Nxf2 (16...Bxd4
 17.Nxd4 Qxd4 18.Bxg4±; 16...Qxb2
 17.Qxb2 Rxb2 18.Bc3=)]

16.Nxe5+- Bxe5 2.23/17

[16...Nxe5± 1.46/19 17.b3 e6
 18.dxe6 fxe6]

17.Ra3 1.23/18

[17.h3+- 2.23/17]

17...Bg7 2.04/17

[17...c4± 1.23/18 keeps fighting.]

18.h3 Ne5 2.34/19

[18...c4± 1.59/18]

19.Bc3? 0.43/17

[19.f4+- 2.34/19]

19...Rc8? 2.21/19

[Black should try 19...c4± 0.43/17]

20.f4? 0.38/25

[20.Qd2+- 2.21/19]

20...c4+ 0.75/25

[20...Nd3± 0.38/25 21.Bxd3
 (21.Qxd3 c4+ 22.Bd4 cxd3±)
 21...c4+ 22.Qf2 Qxf2+ 23.Kxf2
 cxd3]

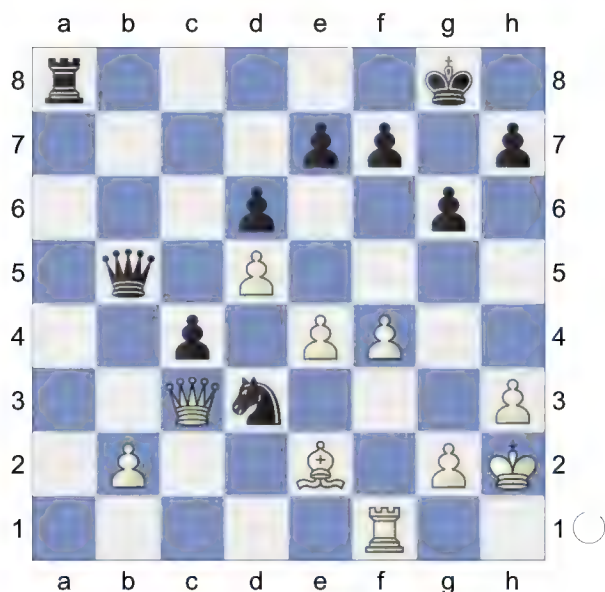
21.Kh2 0.01/19 Active counter play!

[Better is 21.Bd4± 0.75/25 Nf3+
22.Bxf3 (22.gxf3 Bxd4+ 23.Nxd4
Qxd4+ 24.Kg2 Qf6±) 22...Bxd4+
23.Nxd4 Qxd4+ 24.Qf2 Qxf2+
25.Kxf2]

**21...Nd3!= 22.Rf1± White is not
keeping still**

[22.Bxd3 cxd3 23.Qd1 (23.Qb3?
Qf2-+) 23...Bxb5 24.Bxg7 Kxg7±]

**22...Bxb5 23.axb5 Qxb5 24.Bxg7
Kxg7 25.Qc3+ Kg8 26.Rxa8 Rxa8**



27.b3 Ra3!

[27...Qxb3? 28.Qxb3 cxb3
29.Bxd3+-]

28.bxc4

[28.Qxc4 simplifies Qxc4 29.bxc4
Nc5 30.Rf3]

28...Qb2 0.57/24

[28...Rxc3? 29.cxb5 Nc5 30.Rb1±]
[28...Qc5= -0.01/24 29.Qd2 (29.Qc2
Nb4=) 29...Nf2 (29...Qxc4 30.Rf3±)]

29.Qxb2±

[29.Bxd3? is the wrong capture. Rxc3
(29...Qxc3? 30.Rf3-+) 30.Rf3
Qd2-+]

**29...Nxb2 Endgame KRB-KRN. White is
a pawn up. 30.Rb1 Na4 0.99/21**
[30...Nd3± 0.34/22]



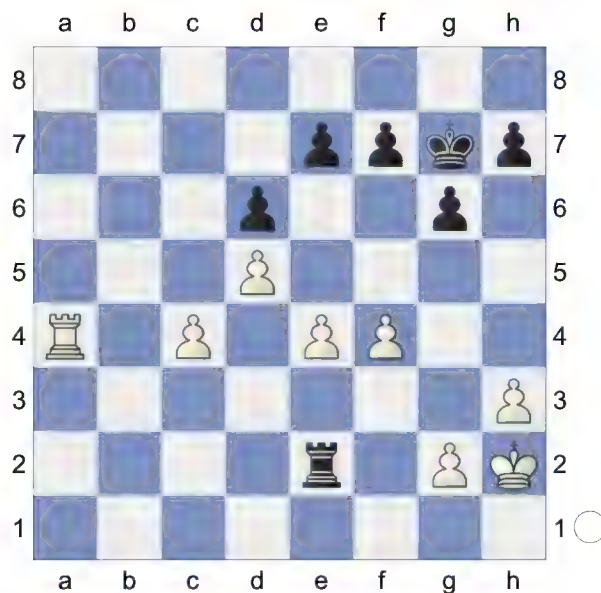
31.Rb8+ 0.23/5

[31.e5!± 0.99/21]

31...Kg7= 32.Ra8 0.01/21

[32.e5± 0.41/21 might be stronger.]

32...Re3! 33.Rxa4 Rxe2



**KR-KR. White is a pawn up. 34.c5!
dxc5 35.Rc4 Rb2 36.Rxc5 Rb4 37.e5
Rxf4 38.Rc7 Rd4 39.Rd7 Kf8
40.Rd8+ Kg7 41.Rd7 Kf8 White must
now prevent ...Ke8. 42.Rd8+ Kg7
43.Kg3 f6 44.e6 g5 45.Rd7 Kg6
46.Kf3 Kf5 47.Ke3 Ke5 48.Rxe7**

Re4+ 49.Kf3 Kxd5 50.Rxh7
and e7 would now be decisive 50...Rxe6
51.Kg4 Ke5 52.Ra7 Rd6 53.Re7+
Re6 54.Ra7 Rd6 55.Ra5+ Rd5?
24.30/26

[55...Ke4= 0.01/24]

56.Ra3? 0.01/27

[56.Rxd5+- 24.30/26 Kxd5 57.Kf5]

56...Rd4+ The position is equal. 57.Kg3
f5 58.Kh2 g4 59.Ra5+ Kf6 60.hxg4
Rxg4 61.Ra8 Kg5 62.Re8 Kf4 63.Re2
Kg5 64.Kg1 Kf4 65.Rf2+ Kg5 66.Rb2
Kf4 67.Kf2 Kg5 68.Rb8 Kf4 69.Rf8
Kg5 70.Rg8+ Kf4 71.Rh8 Kg5 72.g3
Kg6 73.Rg8+ Kf6 74.Ra8 Kg5 75.Ra6
Kh5 76.Ra5 Kg5 77.Kf3 Rd4 78.Rb5
Rd3+ 79.Kf2 Rd4 80.Rb8 Rg4
81.Rg8+ Kf6 82.Rc8 Kg5 83.Rc7 Kf6
84.Rc6+ Kg5 85.Rd6 Rc4 86.Kf3 Ra4
87.Rd8 Ra3+ 88.Ke2 Ra2+ 89.Ke3
Ra4 90.Rg8+ Kf6 91.Rf8+ Kg5
92.Rc8 Rg4 93.Kf3 Kf6 94.Kg2 Kg5
95.Kh3 Kh5 96.Rh8+ Kg5 97.Rg8+
Kh5 98.Re8 Kg5 99.Rf8 Kg6 100.Rh8
Kg5 101.Rh7 Kf6 102.Rb7 Ke5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/
Black=0.39

103.Rb5+ Loss on time!?
1-0

75 A58
□ Carlsen,Magnus 2625
■ Anand,Viswanathan 2792
Glitnir Blitz (5.2) 16.03.2006
[Kitty Kat]

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5
bxa6

Avrukh,B: 'Inf 78/(70)' 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5
3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3
Bxa6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.g3 d6 9.Bg2 0-0
10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Rb1 Ne8 12.Qc2 Nc7

0.79/20

[12...Bxc3± 0.43/22 13.Qxc3
(13.bxc3 Bc4±) 13...Bxe2]

13.Rd1± Nb6N 1.14/18

[13...Bxc3!± 0.44/20 14.Qxc3
(14.bxc3 Bc4± 15.e4 Rxa2 16.Rb2
Rxb2 17.Bxb2 Nb6 18.Ra1)
14...Bxe2 15.Bh6 Nf6 16.Rd2
(16.Re1 Ncxd5 17.Qd2 Bb5 18.Bxf8
Qxf8 19.Ng5 Bc6 20.a3 e6
21.Rbc1

Chapter-Benko Gambit
B3222) 11... ♗e8) 16...Bxf3 17.Bxf3
Re8 18.b3 (18.a3 Qd7 19.Kg2 Nb5
20.Qd3 Reb8 21.Re1 Nd4 22.b4
Nxf3 23.Qxf3 cxb4 24.axb4 Ng4
25.Bf4 f6 26.h3 Ne5 27.Bxe5 fxe5
28.Re4 Ra4 29.Rb2 Qb5 30.Qd1
Ra3 31.Rd2 Rf8 32.h4 Qa6
(45) Illescas Cordoba,M (2600)-
Stanojoski,Z (2480) 78/(70) Batumi
1999) 18...Nb5 19.Qb2 Qd7 20.Bg2
Qf5 21.Re1 Qh5 22.Be3 Ng4
Garland,N 61/414 Tilburg 1994]

14.e4 White is better. 14...Bc8 15.h3
Bd7 16.b3 Qc8 17.a4 0.25/19

[17.Kh2± 1.06/17]

17...Bxh3= 18.Bb2 -0.21/20

[Better is 18.Bg5± 0.40/18 Re8
19.Bh1]

18...Bg4 0.68/17

[Black should play 18...Bxg2!=
-0.21/20 19.Kxg2 f5]

19.Re1± Na6 1.18/19

[19...f5!± 0.32/19]

20.Nb5± Bxb2 21.Rxb2 Bd7 22.Nc3
White is more active. 22...Nb4 23.Qd2
c4? 4.97/19

[23...f6± 0.88/18]

24.bxc4+- Nxc4 25.Qh6 f6 Prevents
Ng5 26.Rxb4 Ne5 27.Qe3 Qc7
28.Nxe5 fxe5 29.Reb1 Rac8 30.Rb7
Qd8 31.Nb5 Rc2 32.Rf1 Bg4 33.Qb6
Qxb6 34.Rxb6 Be2 35.Rc6 Rb2

36.Re1 Bxb5 37.axb5 Rxf2 38.Bf1
2.05/23

[Δ 38.Bh1 3.72/22]

38...Rf3 39.Re2

[39.Rc8+ Kg7]

39...Rxb5 2.03/25 40.Bg2 Rfb3]

40.Kf2 Rbb3 41.b6? 2.06/25

[41.Rcc2 6.14/20 Kg7 42.b6]

41...Rgf3+ 3.08/24

[41...Rg4 2.06/25 42.Rec2 Rf4+
43.Kg1 Kg7]

42.Kg1 Rb1? 4.37/27

[42...Kg7 2.34/23 43.Rc7 Rxb6]

43.Rf2 Re3 44.Kh2 2.50/23

[Δ 44.Rc7 4.33/23]

44...Rxe4 45.Bh3? 0.34/23

[45.Ba6+- 2.80/22]

45...Kg7? 3.09/23

[45...Reb4± 0.34/23]

46.Bc8! h5 47.b7 Kh6 48.Rc7 Ree1

49.Rxe7 1.48/21

[49.Rcc2+- 3.07/21]

49...Kg5? 3.27/21

[49...h4± 1.48/21 is a better defense.
50.Rc2 Rh1+ 51.Kg2 Rhd1]

50.Ref7 Threatens to win with Rf1!.

50...Kh4? 5.62/24

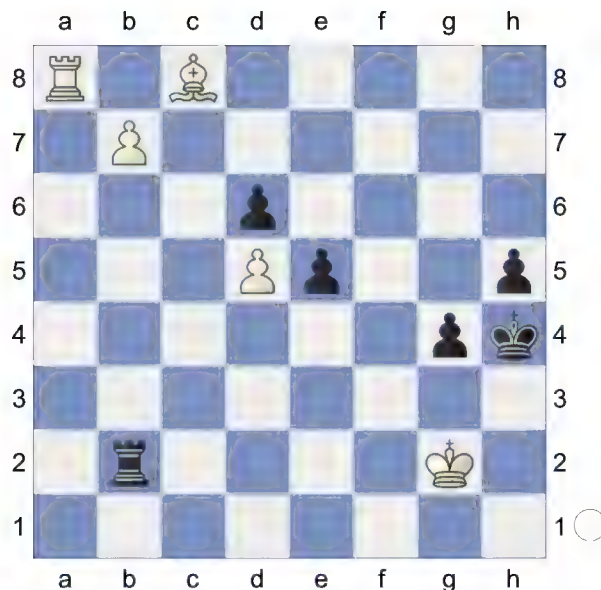
[50...Rh1+ 3.21/23 51.Kg3 h4+
52.Kf3 h3]

51.Kg2 g5? 6.66/23

[51...Rg1+ 3.03/21 52.Kf3 Rg3+
53.Ke2 Rgb3]

52.Rf1 Rxf1 53.Rxf1 Endgame KRB-
KR 53...Rb2+ 54.Rf2 Rb6 55.Ra2 g4
56.Ra8 Rb2+

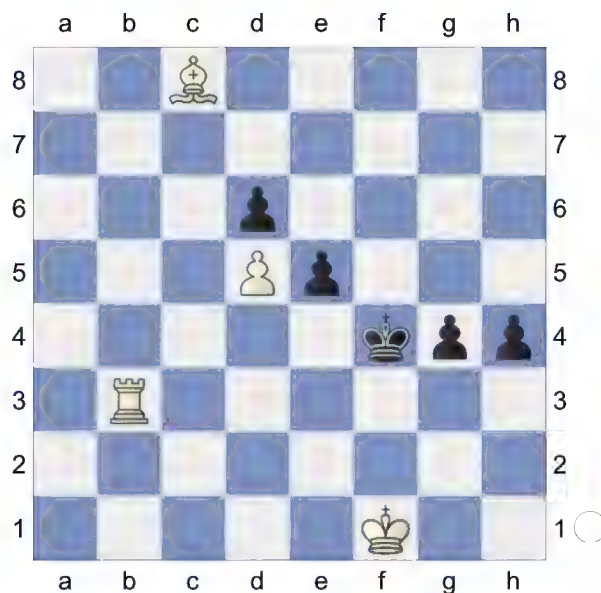
(Diagram)



57.Kf1! Kg3 13.89/19

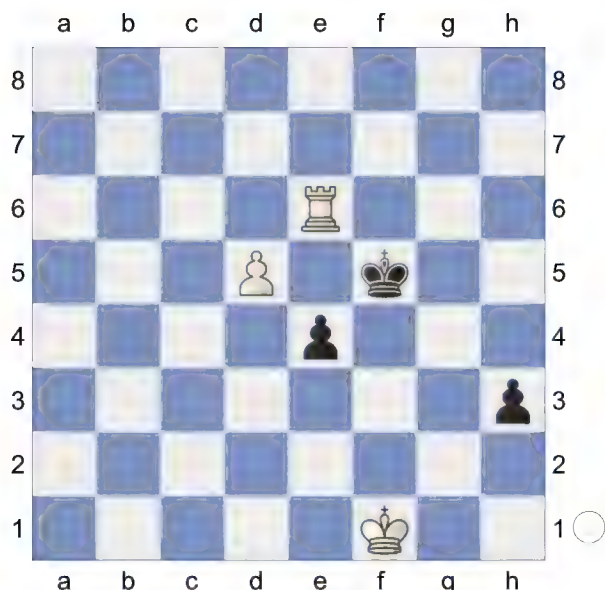
[Δ 57...Rb1+ 5.12/17 58.Ke2 Rb2+
59.Kd3 g3]

58.b8Q Rxb8 59.Rxb8 h4 60.Rb3+
Kf4



61.Bxg4! Kxg4 KR-K3P 62.Rb6 h3
63.Rxd6 KR-KPP 63...e4 64.Re6 Kf5

(Diagram)



65.Rxe4 11.71/18 Kxe4 KP-KP 66.d6
Kf3 67.Kg1 Kg3 68.d7 h2+ 69.Kh1
Kh3 70.d8Q

[Inferior is 70.d8B Kg4=]

70...Kg3 71.Qd6+ Kf3 72.Kxh2 Ke3
73.Kg2 11.13/5

[Δ73.Qd5 #6/14 Kf4 74.Qe6 Kf3
75.Qe5 Kg4 76.Kg2 Kh4 77.Kf3
Kh3 78.Qh8#]

73...Ke4 74.Kg3 Intending Qc5 and
mate. 74...Ke3 75.Qd5 White mates.
75...Ke2 76.Qd4 Ke1 77.Kf3 Kf1

Weighted Error Value: White=0.22
(precise) /Black=0.82

78.Qd1#
1-0

76 **A57**
□ Najer, Evgeniy 2624
■ Quan Zhe 2397
7th Foxwoods Open (2) 24.03.2005
[Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nf3 Bb7
5.Qc2 bxc4 6.e4 e6 7.Bxc4
Nc3 is in the air

[7.Qxc4 exd5 8.exd5 Bxd5+]

7...exd5 8.exd5 d6 0.64/19

[8...Bxd5= 0.09/19 9.Bxd5 Nxd5]

9.0-0± Be7 10.Nc3 Nbd7 11.a4 0-0N

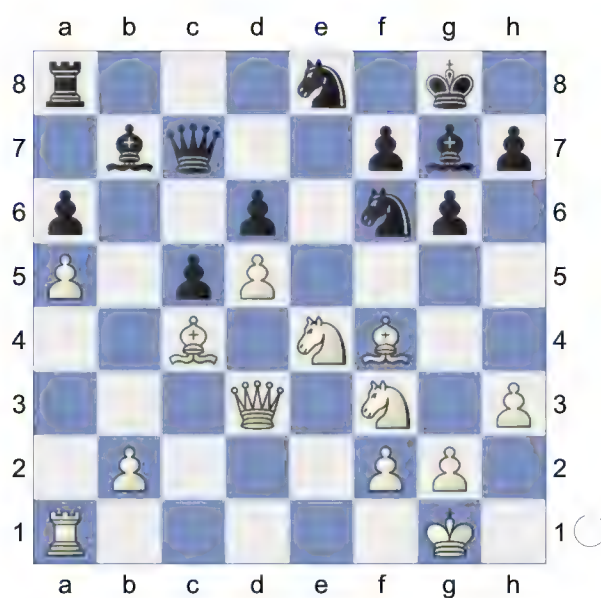
[11...Nb6 12.Bb5+ Kf8 13.Bc6 Bxc6
14.dxc6 Qc8 15.b4 Qxc6 16.b5 Qb7
17.Rd1 h5 18.a5 Nc8 19.Bg5 h4
20.Bxh4 Rh5 21.Bg3 Kg8 22.Rab1
Bf8 23.Bh4 Ng4 24.Bg3 Nf6 25.h3
d5 26.Be5 1-0 (38) Tkachiev, V (2672)-
Conquest, S (2563) EU-ch 2nd Ohrid
2001 (5) Be7 27.Na4 Ne4 28.a6
Qd7 29.Qxe4 dxe4 30.Rxd7 exf3
31.Bg3 c4 32.Bf4 Kf8 33.Be3 Ke8
34.Rc7 Rh4 35.Nc3 Bd8 36.Rb7
Bb6 37.Bxb6 Nxb6 38.Re1+
1-0 Durufle, A (2672)-Manolov, I (2563)
CSSR 13/249 1972 (5)]

12.a5 Wards off Nb6 12...a6 13.Re1
Re8 14.h3 White has more active
pieces. 14...Qc7 1.26/21

[14...h6 0.80/22]

15.Qd3± Bf8 16.Rxe8 Nxe8 17.Ne4
g6 18.Bd2 Bg7 19.Bf4 Ndf6 1.18/19

[19...Bc8!± 0.67/19]

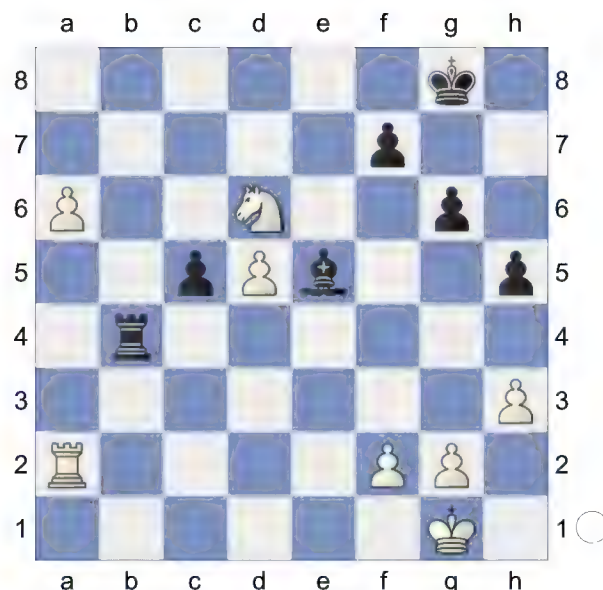


20.Nc3 0.62/21

[20.Nxf6+!± 1.18/19 Nxf6 21.Bd2]

20...Qd8± 21.Bg5 Qc7 1.06/20
 [21...h6± 0.42/21 22.Be3 Rb8]
22.Bf4 -0.01/19
 [22.Bd2± 1.06/20]
22...Qd8!= 23.Nh2 0.43/21
 [23.Bd2± 0.96/20]
23...Bc8 24.Nf1↑ White has good play.
24...Nd7 25.Ne3 0.15/20
 [White should play 25.Nd2± 0.65/20]
25...Ne5 26.Qe2 Nc7 27.Na4
 A mistake that costs the game.
27...Nb5? 3.77/22 28.Bxb5+- axb5
29.Nb6 Ra7 4.55/22
 [29...Ba6 3.22/22 was called for.
 30.Nxa8 Qxa8]
30.Nxc8
 [30.Qxb5 Ba6 31.Qb3 Nd3±]
30...Qxc8 31.Qxb5 Rb7 32.Qa6 Qb8
33.Ra2 1.68/19
 [Δ33.Bxe5 3.57/19 Bxe5 34.Nc4]
33...h5 3.10/21
 [Δ33...Ra7 1.68/19 34.Qe2 Qb3]
34.Bxe5 Bxe5 35.Nc4 Bxb2 8.07/23
 [35...Bd4 2.30/21 36.Qxd6 Qe8]
36.Qxd6 White is clearly winning.
 [Not 36.Nxd6 Rb4±]
36...Qxd6 37.Nxd6 Endgame KRB-
 KRN. White is a pawn up. **37...Rb4**
38.a6 Black must now prevent a7.
38...Be5

(Diagram)



39.g3! Rb8 40.Nc4 Bc7 41.d6 Bd8
42.Rb2 Ra8 43.Rb7 Kg7
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.21
 (precise) /Black=0.54
44.a7
1-0

77 **A57**
 □ **Volkov,Sergey1** **2623**
 ■ **Sohib,O** **0**
 14th Dubai Open 2012 (1.15) 15.04.2012
 [Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nf3 d6
5.cxb5

[5.Nbd2 g6 6.b3 Bg7 7.Bb2 b4
 8.g3 0-0 9.a3 bxa3 10.Rxa3 Na6
 11.Bg2 Nb4 12.0-0 a5 13.Ne1 Ra7
 14.Nb1 Bd7 15.Nc3 Qb6 16.Na4
 Qc7 17.Nd3 Rb8 18.Re1 Rab7
 19.Nc1 Bxa4 ½-½ (57) Melkumyan,H
 (2593)-Grachev,B (2675) EU-ch 12th
 Aix les Bains 2011 (3) 20.Rxa4 Nd7
 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.e4 Nb6 23.Ra3
 a4 24.Bf1 axb3 25.Nxb3 Kg8 26.h4
 h5 27.f4 Nd7 28.Bh3 Ra7 29.Rxa7

Qxa7 30.e5 Nf8 31.exd6 exd6
32.Re3 Qa2 33.Qa1 Qxa1+ 34.Nxa1
Nxd5 1-0 (57) Flear,G (2400)-Roux,B
(2300) Lyon ECAM IM 2023 (7)]

5...a6 6.e3 axb5N 1.36/20

[Δ6...e6 0.81/20]

[6...g6 7.bxa6 Bg7 8.Bb5+ Nfd7
9.a4 Bxa6 10.Ra3 0-0 11.0-0 Nb6
12.e4 e6 13.Re1 exd5 14.exd5
Bxb5 15.axb5 N8d7 16.Bf4 Nf6
17.Rxa8 Qxa8 18.Bxd6 Rc8 19.Nc3
Nbx5 20.Ne5 Nxc3 21.bxc3
1-0 (26) Haamer,H (2706)-Rojas,M
(2366) (ol) 55/638 Manila 1992 (2)
Nd5 22.Nc6 Nxc3 23.Ne7+ Kh8
24.Nxc8 Qxc8 25.Qd3 h5 26.b6
1-0 Sokolov,I (2706)-Poulton,J (2366)
TCh-Nat1 GpB 2004 (2)]

7.Bxb5± Bd7 8.Be2 1.06/22

[White should play 8.Bc4 1.44/22]

8...g6 1.48/22

[Δ8...e6 1.06/22]

9.Nc3 Bg7 10.h3 0-0 11.e4 Bc8 1.56/20

[Δ11...e6 0.97/20]

12.0-0 Ba6 13.Re1 Nbd7 14.Bg5 1.06/21

[Δ14.Bxa6 1.42/19 Rxa6 15.Bf4]

14...h6 Hoping for ...Bxe2. 15.Bf4
White is more active. 15...Qb6 16.Bxa6
Rxa6 17.Qd2 Rb8 18.Rab1

[18.Bxh6?! Qxb2 19.Bxg7 Kxg7±]

18...g5 1.92/18

[18...Nh5± 1.38/18]

19.Bh2+- Qb4 2.30/17

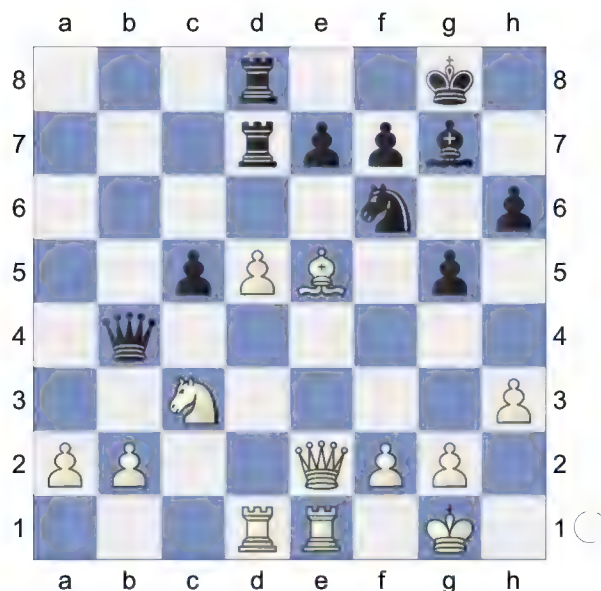
[19...Rd8± 1.59/15 20.Qc2 g4]

20.e5 dxe5 21.Nxe5 Nxe5 22.Bxe5

[Less strong is 22.Rxe5 Nxd5
(22...Rxa2? 23.Re2+- Discovered
Attack) 23.Qxd5 (23.Rxd5 Bxc3
24.Qd3 Rb5=) 23...Qxc3±]

22...Rd8 23.Qe2 Ra7 24.Rbd1 Rad7? 4.29/19

[24...Ne8 2.23/16 is a better defense.
25.a3 Qb6 26.Bxg7 Nxg7]



25.d6! Deflection 25...exd6 6.13/21

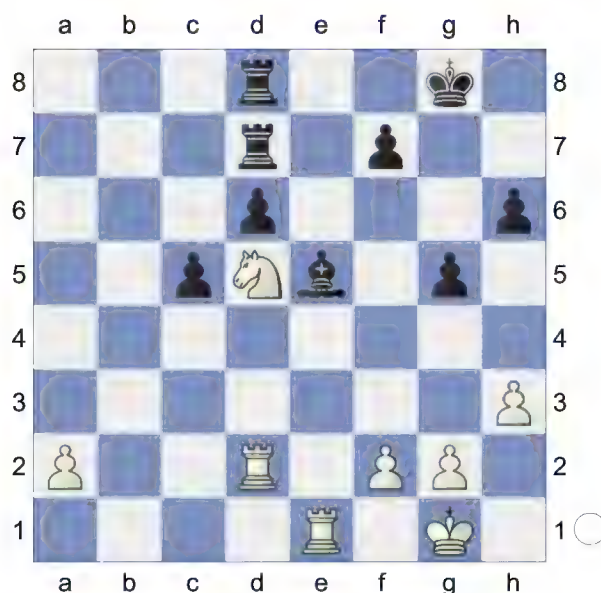
[25...Rxd6 3.70/18 26.Bxd6 exd6]

[25...Qa5 26.Qf3]

26.Bxf6 White is clearly winning.

26...Bxf6 27.Nd5 Qxb2 28.Rd2 Qe5

29.Qxe5 Remove Defender 29...Bxe5



30.Rxe5! Remove Defender 30...dxe5

[30...Ra7 31.Rf5]

31.Nf6+ Discovered Attack, Double Attack 31...Kg7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.58

32.Rxd7

1-0

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A57

□ David,Alberto

2622

■ Pap,M

2509

19th Open Kavala GRE (7) 05.08.2010

[Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.e3 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.a4 0-0 8.Nf3
d6 9.e4 e6 10.dxe6 Bxe6 11.Be2

[11.Be3 Qa5 12.Bd2 Qc7 13.Be2
axb5 14.Bxb5 Qb7 15.0-0 Nxe4
16.Nxe4 Qxe4 17.Ng5 Qf5 18.Nxe6
fxe6 19.Bc3 1-0 Tahmankar,M (2587)-
Goksel,D (2560) 37/306 Bugojno 1984
(3)]

[11.Bf4 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Bd2
Nb4 14.Be2 Nd3+ 15.Bxd3 Qxd3
16.bxa6 Bc4 17.Be3 Bxc3+ 18.bxc3
Qxc3+ 19.Bd2 Re8+ 20.Ne5 Rxe5+
21.Qe2 Rxe2+ 22.Kf1 Qxd2 23.Kg1
Re1+ 24.Rxe1 Qxe1# 0-1 Yunker,A
(1872)-Derjabin,I (2314) Titled
Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Early blitz
2024 (9)]

11...d5 ...d4 is the strong threat. 12.exd5
0.46/18

[12.e5± 0.85/19 Ne4 13.0-0]

12...Nxd5± 13.Nxd5N

[13.Bd2 Nxc3 14.Bxc3 Qxd1+
15.Kxd1 Benko Gambit-5...g6
Variation 3]

13...Bxd5 1.96/17

[Black should play 13...Qxd5± 0.51/18
14.Qxd5 Bxd5]

14.0-0 0.89/17

[14.b6+- 1.96/17]

14...c4? 2.74/17

[14...axb5± 0.89/17 was necessary.
15.Bg5 (15.Bxb5 Nc6±) 15...Qd6]



15.b6!+- aiming for Bf4. 15...a5

[15...Qd7 16.Bf4]

16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Rc1 h6? 4.49/19

[17...Qb7 2.03/19 18.Bxc4 Bxc4
19.Rxc4 Qxb6]

18.Bh4? 1.10/20

[18.Bxc4 Bxc4 19.Rxc4 hxg5±]

[18.Be3+- 4.49/19 and the rest is
easy.]

18...Rc8? 3.35/20

[18...Qb7± 1.10/20]

19.Rc2 1.62/18

[♖19.Nd2 3.35/20]

19...Rc5 3.12/19

[♖19...Qb7 1.62/18]

20.Nd2 1.43/18

[20.Bg3+- 3.12/19 is more deadly.]

20...Qc6? 5.30/18

[20...c3± 1.43/18]

21.Be7 Bxg2 7.92/17

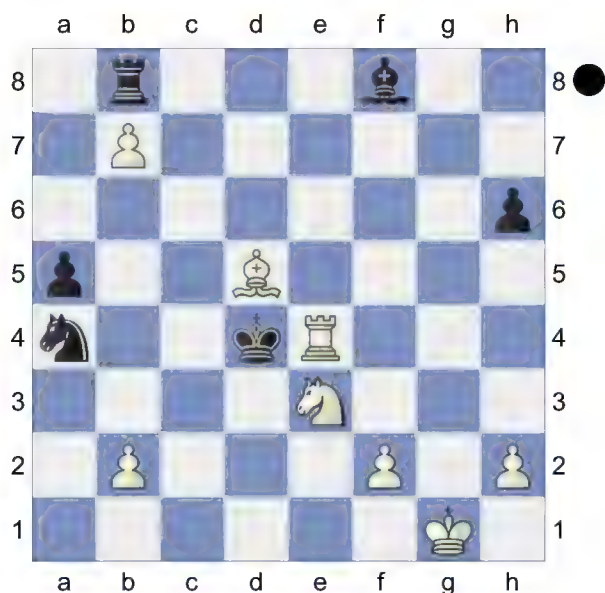
[♖21...c3 4.94/21 22.Bxc5 Qxc5]

22.Bxc5

[22.Rxc4 Rxc4 23.Nxc4 Bh3±]

22...Bxf1 23.Nxf1

[23.Rxc4? Qg2#]
23...Qxc5 24.Qd8+
 [Weaker is 24.Rxc4 Qxb6 25.Rc8+ Kh7+-]
24...Qf8 25.Qxf8+ Bxf8 26.Rxc4
 [26.Bxc4 Nd7 27.Bd5 Rb8±]
26...Nd7? 6.59/22
 [26...Ra6 3.32/23 27.b7 Rc6 28.Rxc6 Nxc6]
27.b7 Rb8 28.Rc7 Nc5 29.Bf3 Kg7 30.Bd5 Kf6 31.Ne3 Bd6 32.Rxf7+ Ke5 33.Bc6 Ke6 34.Bd5+? -0.01/5
 [34.Rg7+- 7.03/18]
34...Ke5= 35.Bc6 -0.01/15
 [White should play 35.Bg2+- 6.23/21]
35...Ke6 36.Rg7 White is clearly winning. 36...Bf8 37.Bd5+ Ke5 38.Rxg6 Nxa4 39.Re6+ Kd4 40.Re4+



Skewer **40...Kc5** Black got outplayed after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.97/ Black=1.08

41.Rxa4
1-0

79 A57
 □ Dubov,Daniil **2622**
 ■ Dvirnyy,Danyyil **2541**
 14th Euro Indiv 2013 (9.37) 14.05.2013
 [Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3 g6 6.e4 d6

[6...Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.bxa6 (8.a4 e6 9.d6 Nh5 10.Nge2 Bb7 11.Be3 f5 12.exf5 Rxf5 13.Qd2 axb5 14.Nxb5 Na6 15.Ng3 Rd5 16.Qf2 Qa5+ 17.Bd2 Nb4 18.Bc4 Nc2+ 19.Kd1 Nxa1 20.b3 Nxb3 21.Bxb3 c4 0-1 Paulsen,D (2317)-Avila Pavaas,S (2511) Titled Tuesday intern op 07th Jan Early blitz 2025 (2) 8...e6 9.Bc4 exd5 10.Nxd5 Nc6 11.Ne2 Ne5 12.Nxf6+ Qxf6 13.Bd5 Bxa6 14.0-0 Rab8 15.f4 Nd3 16.e5 Qb6 17.Rf3 c4+ 18.Be3 Qa5 19.Nc3 Rxb2 20.Bd4 d6 21.Re3 0-1 (28) 15.0-0 b4 16.Na4 Qb5 (2579)-Hadrys,B (2638) UKR-ch10 Kiev 1938 (8.8)]

7.Nc3 Bg7 8.Bf4N 0.28/20

[8.a4± 0.72/19]

[8.Bc4 0-0 9.Nge2 axb5 10.Nxb5 Nfd7 11.a4 Na6 12.0-0 Nb6 13.Bd3 Nb4 14.Bb1 Bd7 15.Nbc3 Nc4 16.b3 Na5 17.h3 Qb6 18.Kh1 Rfb8 19.f4 c4 20.bxc4 Nxc4 21.Bd3 Ne3 22.Bxe3 Qxe3 0-1 (34) Uhlarz,J (1877)-Schmitt,H (2088) Neckar op-A 11th 2007 (2) 23.Rf3 Nxd3 24.Qxd3 Qxd3 25.Rxd3 Bb5 26.Rad1 Bxd3 27.Rxd3 Rb3 28.Rf3 Ra5 29.h4 Rc5 30.e5 dxe5 31.Ne4 Rxf3 32.Nxc5 Rf1+ 33.Kh2 exf4 34.Ng1 Rxg1 0-1 7.♘c3 ♔a5 8.e4 (1877)-Souhili,F (2088) II 19/622 Wijk aan Zee 1975 (2)]

[8.Bd3 0-0 9.Nge2 Nbd7 10.Bf4

Nh5 11.Be3 Ne5 12.0-0 Nxd3
 13.Qxd3 axb5 14.Qd2 b4 15.Nd1
 Ba6 16.Re1 Bc4 17.Nc1 Ra6
 18.Qc2 Bb5 19.Rb1 Be5 20.Qd2 e6
 21.Bg5 Qa8 22.Kh1 exd5
 0-1 (30) Montiel Marin, M (1880)-
 Maggiolo, E (1922) ARG-ch (Women)
 75th 2024 (7)]

8...0-0= 9.a4 Nbd7 White has an edge.

10.Ra3 Nh5 0.55/18

[10...Ne8= 0.13/19 deserves
 consideration.]

11.Be3 -0.01/18

[11.Bc1!± 0.55/18]

11...f5 12.exf5 gxf5 0.78/17

[12...Rxf5= -0.05/19 13.Nh3 Nb6]

13.Nh3 0.09/17

[13.f4± 0.78/17]

13...f4 14.Bf2 -0.01/17

[14.Bd2!± 0.51/19]

14...axb5 1.18/18

[14...Bxc3+!= -0.01/17 remains equal.
 15.Rxc3 (15.bxc3 Ne5±) 15...Rf5]

Black is now going downhill. 15.Bxb5±
 Ne5 1.66/19

[15...Qe8± 0.79/18]

16.Ng5+- c4 2.11/17

[16...Kh8± 1.22/19]

17.0-0 Nd3 2.54/18

[17...Kh8 1.61/17 18.b4 cxb3
 19.Qxb3 (19.Rxb3 Rf5±) 19...Bh6]

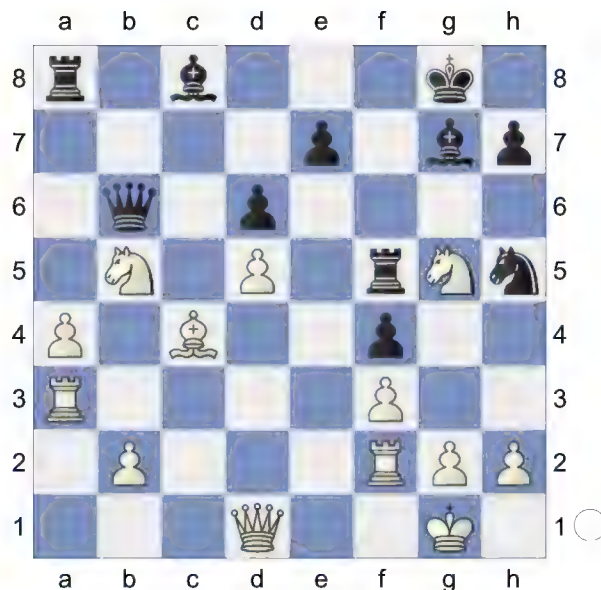
18.Bxc4 Nxf2 19.Rxf2→ White goes
 for the king. 19...Qb6 20.Nb5 1.10/18
 Inhibits Bd4.

[20.Kf1!+- 2.10/18]

20...Rf5? 2.69/19

[20...Bd7± 1.10/18]

(Diagram)



21.Ne4! Qd2 would now be deadly.

21...Bd7 22.Rd3 Kh8 2.75/18

[22...Re5 1.99/18 23.b3 Nf6]

23.b3 Nf6 24.Nbc3 1.19/20

[24.Nec3+- 2.49/17]

24...Rg8? 3.09/19

[24...Nxe4± 1.19/20 25.fxe4
 (25.Nxe4 Rc8+-) 25...Rg5]

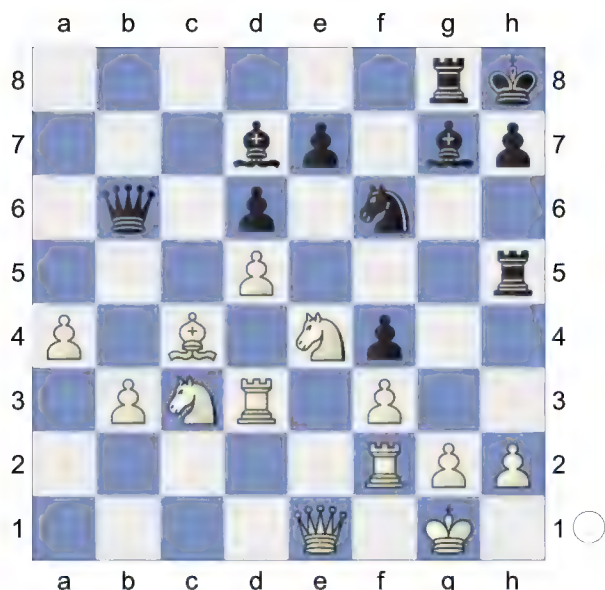
25.Qe1? 1.02/20

[25.Kh1+- 3.09/19 has better winning
 chances.]

25...Rh5? 3.20/18

[25...Nxe4± 1.02/20 26.fxe4
 (26.Nxe4 Bd4± Pin; 26.Qxe4?
 Re5+-) 26...Rg5]

(Diagram)



26.Kh1! Nxe4 27.Nxe4 Be5 28.a5
Qd8 29.Ra2 Bf5 30.a6 Bxe4? 5.97/19

[30...Qf8 3.42/19 is a better defense.
31.Re2 Rg6]

31.Qxe4 White is clearly winning.

31...Qb6 32.Qe1 Rg6 (-> ...Rxh2+!)

Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/
Black=0.93

33.Qf2

[33.a7? is a self mate. Rxh2+ Decoy
34.Kxh2 Rh6+]

1-0

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□ Hakobyan,Aram 2621

■ Theodorou,Nikolas 2625

58th Biel GM2 Rapid 2025 (5.2) 13.07.25

[Kitty Kat]

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5
bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 e6 6.dxe6 fxe6 7.Nc3

Against d5

[7.Nf3 d5 8.g3 Bd6 9.Bg2 0-0
10.0-0 Bxa6 (10...Nc6 11.Nc3 Bxa6
12.Re1 d4 13.Ng5 Qe8 14.Nce4

Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Be7 16.Bg5 c4
17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Rc1 Bb5 19.b3
Rxa2 20.bxc4 Ba4 21.Qd3 Rd8
22.c5 e5 23.Nd6 Qe6 24.Ra1 Nb4
25.Qe4 1-0 (41) Toktomushev,T
(2274)-Nigalidze,G (2370) Titled
Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz
2024 (11)) 11.Nbd2 Nc6 12.Re1 c4
13.Nf1 Rb8 14.Rb1 Ne4 15.Be3
Qf6 16.Qc2 Nb4 17.Qd1 c3 18.bxc3
Nxc3 19.Qd2 Nxb1 20.Rxb1 Rfc8
21.Bd4 Qg6 0-1 (51) Perez Ponsa,F
(2554)-Dubov,D (2714) Online Olym
Top DivC 2021 rapid (6.4)]

7...Bxa6 8.g3 Be7N 0.85/21

[8...d5± 0.38/20 9.Bg2 Nc6 10.Nh3
Bd6 11.Nf4 Qd7 12.Bh3 Bxf4
13.Bxf4 0-0 14.0-0 h6 1) Benko
Gambit Fully Accepte-5...e6 6.dxe6
fxe6 7.Nc3 #2]

9.Bg2± d5 10.Nh3! Nc6 11.0-0 0-0
12.Re1 0.31/18

[12.Nf4± 0.76/18 Qd6 13.Nh3]

12...Qe8 1.24/18

[12...c4± 0.31/18]

13.e4 -0.01/21

[13.Ng5!± 1.24/18 Qd7 14.e4]

13...d4= 14.e5 dxc3 15.exf6 Bxf6

16.Rxe6 Double Attack 16...Rd8 3.57/26

[16...cxb2? 17.Bxb2 Qxe6
18.Bd5+-]

[16...Qxe6= -0.09/20 and Black is
okay. 17.Bd5 Pin Bc4 18.Bxe6+
Bxe6 19.bxc3 Rfd8]

17.Bd5+- Kh8? 5.41/24

[17...Rxd5 3.12/23 18.Qxd5 Nb4
19.Rxe8+ Discovered Attack (Check)
Nxd5 20.Rxf8+ Kxf8]

18.Rxe8

[18.Rxc6? Rxd5+- (18...cxb2
19.Bxb2 Bxb2 20.Rb1±; 18...Qxc6?
19.Nf4+-)]

18...Rfxe8 19.Bg5

[19.bxc3 Rxd5 20.Qxd5 Re1+
21.Kg2 Bf1+ 22.Kf3 Ne5+ 23.Kf4
Nd3+ 24.Kf3 (24.Kg4 Ne5+ 25.Kf4
Ng6+ 26.Kg4 Ne5+ 27.Kf4=)
24...Ne5+ 25.Kf4 Ng6+ 26.Kf3
(26.Kg4 Ne5+ 27.Kf4=) 26...Ne5+=
(26...Be2+ 27.Kg2=)]

19...cxb2 6.85/22

[Δ19...c2 4.16/19 20.Qxc2 Rxd5]

20.Rb1 Re5 21.Bxf6 Rxd5 22.Bxd8?
0.13/23

[22.Qa4+- 8.80/22]

22...Rxd1+= 23.Rxd1 Bd3 Against Rb1.
Decoy, Promotion **24.Nf4**

[24.Rxd3? b1Q+ (24...b1B?
25.Rd6+-) 25.Kg2 Qxd3+-]

24...Bc2

[24...b1Q 25.Rxb1 Bxb1 26.Bb6
Bxa2 27.Bxc5 Kg8]

25.Re1 Kg8

[25...b1Q simplifies 26.Rxb1 Bxb1
27.Bb6 Bxa2 28.Bxc5 g5]

26.Bb6

[26.Re8+? Kf7 27.Re1 Nxd8+-
(27...b1B? 28.Bb6+-)]

26...Nd4 27.Kg2 Inhibits Nf3.

[27.Bxc5? Nf3+ (27...b1B 28.Re8+
Kf7 29.Rf8#) 28.Kf1 Nxe1 (28...b1B
29.Re8+ Kf7 30.Rf8#) 29.Kxe1
b1Q+- (29...b1B? 30.a3+-)]

27...Be4+! Decoy, Promotion 28.Kh3

[28.Rxe4? b1Q (28...b1B?
29.Re5+-) 29.Re8+ Kf7+-]

28...Nf3 29.Rd1

[29.Rxe4? Ng5+ (29...b1B?
30.Re3+-; 29...b1Q? 30.Re8+ Kf7
31.Rb8+-) 30.Kh4 Nxe4+-
(30...b1B? 31.Re8+ Kf7 32.Re3+-)]
[29.Rf1? g5 30.Ne2 g4+ (30...b1B?
31.Rd1+-) 31.Kxg4 Nxh2+
(31...b1B? 32.Rxb1 Nxh2+
33.Kh3+-) 32.Kf4 Nxf1+-]

29...Bc2? 6.31/23

[29...Ng5+= -0.01/21 30.Kh4 Nf3+
31.Kg4 Nd2]

30.Rf1? -0.01/23

[30.Rd8+- 6.31/23 Kf7 31.Bxc5
(31.Rd7+ Kf6=) 31...Bf5+ (31...b1B
32.Rf8#) 32.Kg2 Ne1+ 33.Kf1 Bd3+
(33...Bh3+? 34.Ke2+-) 34.Nxd3]

30...c4 1.15/23

[30...Nd2= -0.01/23 31.Re1 Nf3]

31.Nd5± Nd2 1.15/22

[31...h5 0.74/23]

32.Re1 0.66/21

[32.Bd4!± 1.15/22]

32...b1Q± 33.Rxb1 Nxb1± Endgame
KBN-KBN. White is a pawn up. **34.Bd4**
Be4 35.Nc3 Nxc3 36.Bxc3 aiming for
a4. KB-KB. White is a pawn up. **36...Kf7**
1.10/26

[36...Bc2± 0.70/24]

37.Kg4 0.71/25

[Δ37.a4! 1.10/26]

37...g6? 3.53/24

[37...Bc2± 0.71/25]

38.Kf4? 0.73/26

[38.Kg5+- 3.53/24]

38...Bb7? 3.38/24

[38...Bc2± 0.73/26]

39.Ke5? 0.64/23

[39.a4+- 3.38/24]

39...Ke7 1.63/24

[39...Bc6!± 0.64/23 40.Kd4 Bd7]

40.Bb4+- Kd7? 4.93/22

[40...Kf7 1.71/22 41.Kd4 Ba6]

41.f4? 0.93/21

[41.Kf6+- 4.93/22 Be4 42.Ke5]

41...Bf3? 5.44/24

[41...h5± 0.93/21 is more resistant.]

42.a4? 0.96/25

[42.Kf6!+- 5.44/24 Be4 43.g4]

42...Kc6? 6.69/24

[42...h5± 0.96/25]

43.Bc3? 1.16/27

[43.Kf6!+- 6.69/24 Be4 44.g4]

43...Bd1? 3.50/27

[43...h5± 1.16/27 was called for.]

44.a5? 1.24/25

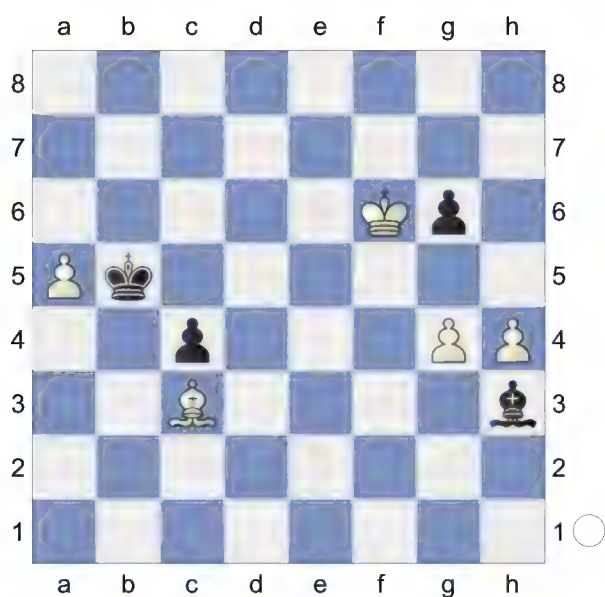
[44.Kf6!+- 3.50/27 and the rest is easy.]

44...Kb5 9.13/21

[44...h5± 1.24/25 45.h3 Kb5]

45.Kf6 Bc2 46.g4 Bd1 47.h3 Bf3

48.f5 Bg2 49.h4 Bh3 50.fxg6 hxg6



51.Kg5? 0.76/28

[51.g5!+- 10.63/20 Bf1 52.Kxg6]

51...Ka6± 52.Kf4 Bf1 53.h5 gxh5

54.gxh5 Bd3 55.h6 Kb5 56.Ke5 Ka6

57.Kf6 Kb5 1.23/29

[57...Ka7 0.80/28 58.Kg7 Ka6]

58.Kg7 Ka6 59.h7 Bxh7 60.Kxh7

KB-KP 60...Ka7 61.Kg6 Kb7 62.Kf6

Ka8 63.Ke7 Kb7 1.38/22

[♠63...Ka7 0.77/21 64.Ke6 Kb8]

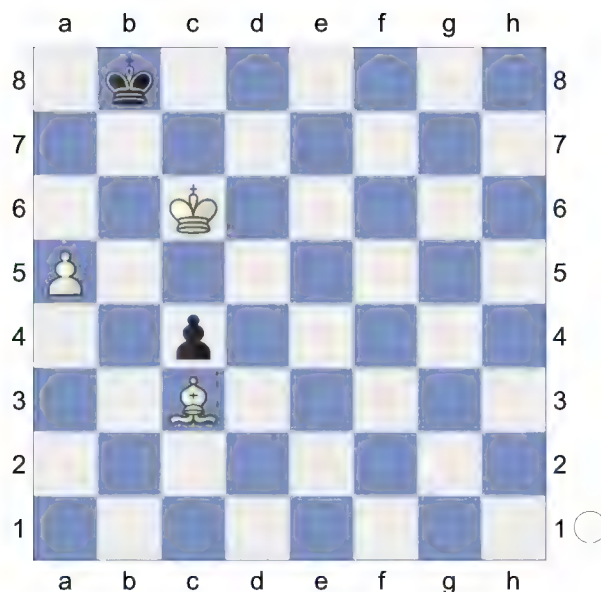
64.Kd6 Ka8 1.43/19

[Black should try 64...Kb8 0.98/19
65.Kd5 Kc7 66.Kxc4 Kb8]

65.Kc6 Kb8 1.37/18

[♠65...Ka7 0.95/19 66.Kc5 Kb7]

(Diagram)



66.Kb6! Ka8 67.a6 0.26/5

[Better is 67.Be5± 1.29/18 c3
68.Bxc3]

67...Kb8= 68.a7+ 0.28/30

[68.Be5+± 1.07/18 Ka8 69.Kb5]

68...Ka8 69.Bd4 c3

Weighted Error Value: White=1.05/
Black=1.20

70.Bxc3

1/2-1/2

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□ Goldin,Alexander

■ Martinez,Marce

ch-USA San Diego USA (4) 28.11.2004

[Kitty Kat]

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5
bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.g3 d6
8.Bg2 Bg7 9.Nf3 0-0 10.0-0 Nbd7
11.Qc2 Nb6 12.Rd1 Qc7N

[12...Ra7 13.Nd2 (13.e4 Qa8
14.Rb1 Bb7 15.b3 e6 16.a4 exd5
17.e5 dxe5 18.Nxe5 d4 19.Bxb7
Rxb7 20.Nb5 Nbd5 21.Bd2 Re7

22.Re1 Rfe8 23.f4 Nd7 24.Nd6
Bxe5 25.fxe5 Nxe5 26.Nxe8 Nf3+
27.Kf2 Nxe1 1-0 (46) Avzalizoda,A
(1995) - Ramazanli, N MSU
Interuniversity Cup 2023 (4.5)
13...Qa8 14.Nf1 Bb7 15.e4 Na4
16.Nxa4 Rxa4 17.b3 Rxe4 18.Bxe4
Nxe4 19.Bb2 Bxb2 20.Qxb2 Bxd5
21.h4 A 58/17 2000]
[12...Bb7 13.e4 Ra5 14.Bf4 (14.h3
Qa8 15.Bf4 Na4 16.Nd2 Nd7
17.Nc4 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Ra4 19.Bf1
f5 A 58/17 2000) 14...Qa8 15.b3
Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxd5 17.Ned2 Nb4
18.Qc4 e5 19.Bg5 e4 20.Ne1 d5
21.Qe2 Nxa2 22.Nc2 Nc3 23.Qe1
h6 24.Be7 Rc8 25.b4 Ra2 26.Bxc5
Qa4 27.Rxa2 0-1 (39) Brunner,L
(2475)-Christiansen,L (2595) (ol) 50/
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13.Bf4 0.21/19

[13.e4± 0.87/19]

13...Qb7 0.92/16

[13...Rfb8= 0.21/19]

14.e4± Nc4 White is slightly better.

15.Rab1 0.01/18

[15.b3± 0.96/19 Na3 16.Qd2]

15...Rfb8 0.79/19

[15...Nd7!= 0.01/18]

16.Bf1 0.09/17

[White should play 16.e5!± 0.79/19]

16...Qb4 1.02/18

[16...Nd7= 0.09/17]

17.Bxc4 0.01/18

[17.e5± 1.02/18]

17...Qxc4= 18.b3 Qb4 19.Bd2 -0.01/17

[19.Re1± 0.37/17]

19...Bc8 20.Re1 Qb7 21.a4 Bg4

22.Kg2 e6 23.dxe6 Bxe6 24.Bf4

Bxb3 A strong pair of Bishops. **25.Qd2**

Rd8 0.88/18

[25...c4= 0.01/19 keeps the balance.]

26.Bg5 0.45/19

[26.Bh6!± 0.88/18 Bxg7 would now
be deadly. d5 27.exd5]

26...Re8? 2.65/18

[26...c4± 0.45/19]

27.Bxf6!+- Bxf6 28.Nb5 Bxa4

29.Nxd6 Discovered Attack, Double

Attack 29...Qc6 30.Nxe8 Rxe8 31.Qd5

1.22/20

[31.Qf4!+- 2.70/20 and the rest is
easy.]

31...Qxd5? 3.52/19

[31...c4± 1.22/20 32.Rb7 Qxd5
33.exd5 Rc8]

32.exd5 Rd8 33.Rb6 Kg7 34.d6 Rc8

4.08/18

[34...Bd7 2.77/19 35.Rc1 Rc8]

35.Ne5 c4 36.d7 Rd8 37.Nxc4

[37.Ng4 Bd4 38.Rb4 Bc6+
(38...Bxd7 39.Rxc4 Bxg4 40.Re4±)
39.f3 Bc3 40.Rxc4 (40.Re8 Rxd7
41.Rxc4 Rd2+ 42.Nf2 Bxe8=)
40...Bxe1=]

37...Rxd7 38.Rd6? 0.66/20

[38.Nd6!+- 2.29/18 Bg5 39.Ne8+
Kg8 40.h3]

38...Rc7? 2.26/21

[38...Ra7!± 0.66/20]

39.Ne5? 0.51/20

[39.Nb6+- 2.26/21 Re7 40.Rc1]

39...Be7 1.96/21

[39...h5± 0.51/20]

40.Rd4 Bb5 41.Rb1 0.71/22

[41.Rd5+- 1.74/20 and White stays
clearly on top. Be8 42.Kf1 (42.Nd7
Bxd7 43.Rxe7 Bh3+ 44.Kxh3
Rxe7=)]

41...Rc5± 42.Nd3 Bc6+ 43.Kg1 Ra5

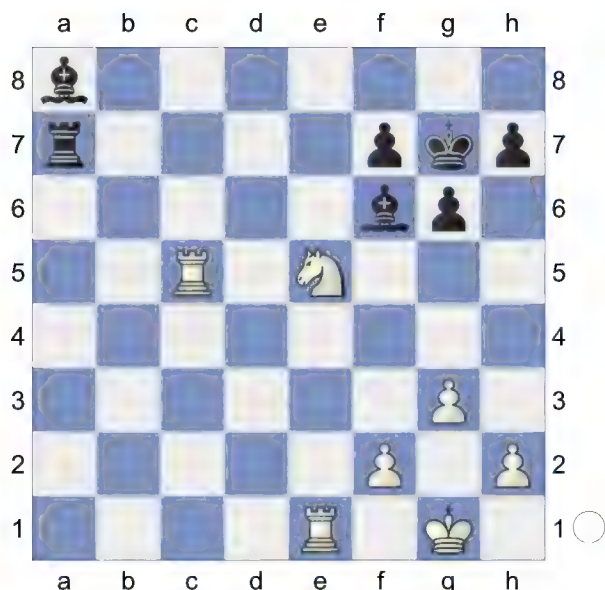
44.Re1 Bf6 45.Rc4 Bf3 46.Rc5 Ra7

0.79/21

[46...Ra2± 0.37/22]

47.Ne5 Ba8 1.37/21

[47...Bxe5± 0.66/21 48.Rcxe5 Ra2]



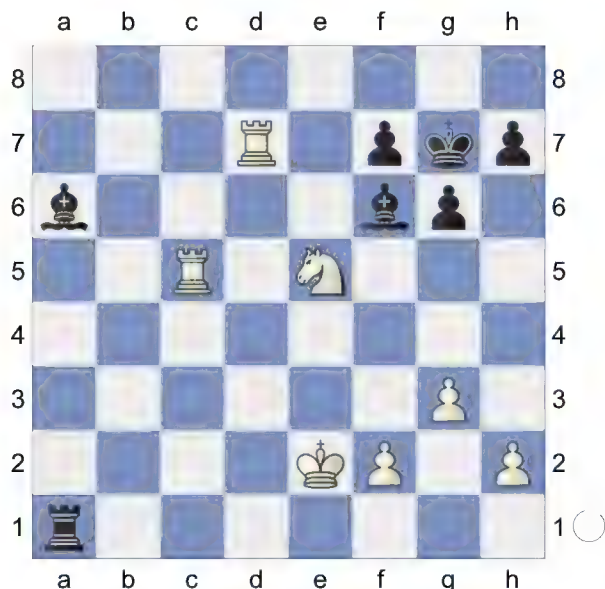
48.Kf1 0.37/23

[48.Nc4!± 1.37/21]

48...Bb7 49.Rd1 Ra2 50.Rd7 Ra1+?
2.33/24

[50...Bxe5!± 0.39/23 51.Rxe5
(51.Rxb7 Bd4±) 51...Ra1+ 52.Ke2
Bc8]

51.Ke2+- Ba6+



52.Kf3 0.68/26

[White has to play 52.Nd3!+- 1.99/23]

52...Ra3+ 1.08/25

[52...Bxe5± 0.68/26 53.Rxe5 Bc8]

53.Kg2± Bxe5 54.Rxe5 Endgame

KRR-KRB 54...Bc4 1.50/23

[Δ54...h5 0.83/24]

55.Rc7 0.81/22

[Δ55.Re4 1.50/23 Bb5 56.Rc7]

55...Kf6 56.Rec5 Be6 57.Rc3 Bd5+
2.00/27

[57...Ra8± 0.78/24]

**58.f3+- Ra2+ 59.Rc2 Ra3 60.R7c3
Ra4 61.Rd2** 1.28/26 Repels Rd4

[61.Rc5+- 1.76/25 Rd4 62.Kf2]

61...Be6± 62.g4 Ra5 1.76/28
Inhibits Rc5.

[62...h5± 1.39/28 keeps fighting.]

63.h4+- h5 64.g5+ Kf5? 7.60/25

[64...Kg7 1.67/26 65.Rd8 Ra2+
66.Kg3 Ra4]

**65.Rd8 Bd5 66.Kg3 Ke5 67.Re3+ Kf5
68.Rd6 Be6**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/
Black=0.47

**69.Rd4
1-0**

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□ Cheparinov, Ivan

■ Ivanchuk, Vassily

FIDE World Cup (2.1)

[Stohl,Igor]

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30.11.2005

1.d4 Stohl Stohl,I Stohl Stohl,I Stohl
Stohl,I Stohl Stohl,I: 'Flear, Glenn' Stohl
Stohl Stohl,I Stohl 1...Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5
b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.b6 d6

[5...e6 Stohl: 'is rather more popular
nowadays - it leads to more lively
positions. 'is rather more popular
nowadays - it leads to more lively
positions.]

[5...Qxb6 Stohl]

6.Nc3 Nbd7 Stohl: '[%draw arrow,a8,b8,
green]' 7.a4 a5 Stohl: 'Black doesn't let
White gain O on the « to slow down his

play. The text-move is the most usual continuation, but perhaps deserving attention is the less-tested alternative' Stohl: 'Black doesn't let White gain O on the ♀ to slow down his play. The text-move is the most usual continuation, but perhaps deserving attention is the less-tested alternative' Stohl,I: 'Flear, Glenn: 'If this game is too depressing for Benko fans then I suggest that they investigate" Stohl: 'Black doesn't let White gain O on the ♀ to slow down his play. The text-move is the most usual continuation, but perhaps deserving attention is the less-tested alternative '?' Stohl: 'Black doesn't let White gain O on the ♀ to slow down his play. The text-move is the most usual continuation, but perhaps deserving attention is the less-tested alternative' Stohl: 'Black doesn't let White gain O on the ♀ to slow down his play. The text-move is the most usual continuation, but perhaps deserving attention is the less-tested alternative '?' Glenn Flear: 'Limiting White's space advantage. Black will also have the possibility of using the b4-square (...Na6-b4) but in return White has the potential use of b5 and c4 to clamp down on any Black activity on the wing.' Black doesn't let White gain O on the ♀ to slow down his play. The text-move is the most usual continuation, but perhaps deserving attention is the less-tested alternative

[Glenn Flear: 'If this game is too depressing for Benko fans then I suggest that they investigate' 7...Qxb6 8.a5 Qb4 9.Ra4 Qb7 10.e4 g5!? 11.Bxg5 Qxb2 12.Bd2 Rb8 13.f4 Bg7 14.Bc4 Ng4 15.Nge2 Bd4∞ 16.Ra2 Qb4 17.Ra4 Qb2 18.Ra2 Qb4 19.Ra4 ½, Volzhin, A-Conquest, S/

Hastings/1993/ Stohl: '1/2,Volzhin,A-
Conquest,S/Hastings/1993/']

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[ 7...Nxb6 Stohl 8.a5 Nbd7 9.Nf3 g6
10.Nd2 Bg7 11.Nc4 0-0 12.e4
[%draw arrow,f2,f4,green] [%draw
arrow,e4,e5,green] ]
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8.e4 g6 9.Nf3 Bg7 10.Be2 Stohl:
'Cheparinov leaves b5 free for his N, but
White more often plays'Cheparinov
leaves b5 free for his ♘, but White more
often plays

[10.Bb5 0-0 11.0-0 Nxb6 12.Re1
Ne8 13.Bf4 f6 (13...Ba6 14.e5!/?
Bxb5 15.axb5 Nc7~~±~~) 14.Nd2
(14.h4!/?±) 14...Nc7 15.Bc6 Rb8
16.Nb3 Nc4 17.Nb5 Na6 18.Qe2
Ne5 19.Bxe5 fxe5 20.Nd2 Nb4
21.Nc4 Ba6 22.Ra3 Rc8=
Stohl: '=' '=' Stohl,l: '=' Stohl: '=' '='
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23.Na7 Rc7 24.Nb5 Nxc6
(24...Rc8=) 25.dxc6 Rxc6 26.Qd2
Qd7 27.Rb3~~±~~ Sokolov,l-Ponomariov,
R/Hastings/1999/]

10...0-0 11.0-0 Qxb6 Stohl,I: 'Flear, Glenn: 'Whatever the way the problem with this structure is that if White retains a bind on the queenside light-squares then Black's counterplay may be difficult to get going.' Glenn Flear: 'Nothing like as popular as the recapture with the knight.'

[Stohl: 'Black often plays' Glenn Flear: 'Whatever the way the problem with this structure is that if White retains a bind on the queenside light-squares then Black's counterplay may be difficult to get going.' Black often plays 11...Nxb6 Stohl: ', but the character of the position remains similar. White first tries to "cement" the ♖ and then turn his attention to

the opposite flank.', but the character of the position remains similar. White first tries to "cement" the ♖ and then turn his attention to the opposite flank.

12.Bf4 Stohl: 'Aimed to prevent ♖c8' Aimed to prevent ♖c8 (12.Bg5 h6 13.Be3 e6!? 14.dxe6 Bxe6 15.Nd2 Qe7 16.Qc1 Rfc8 17.Bf3 Nfd7 18.Be2 Ne5 19.Nf3 Nxf3+ 20.Bxf3 Kh7 21.Rd1 Rab8 22.Bf4 Nc4 23.Be2 Nxb2 24.Rxd6 Rb3 25.e5 Rxc3 26.Qxc3 Qxd6 27.Qxb2 Qd4± Kobylkin,E-Tseshkovsky,V/Krasnodar/2002/)

A) 12...Bg4?!_ Stohl,I: 'Flear,Glenn: 'or" 13.h3 Bxf3 Stohl,I: 'Flear, Glenn: 'Ceding the bishop pair may not be the best way of proceeding." 14.Bxf3 Nfd7 15.Rb1 c4 Stohl,I: "'?' Flear,Glenn. Flear, Glenn: 'Over-optimistic" Glenn Flear: '?!' 16.Be3 Qc8 17.Qc2 Rb8 (17...Nc5 (Stohl,I) Flear, Glenn) 18.Nb5 Rb7 19.Bg4 Stohl,I: "'!' Flear,Glenn. Flear, Glenn: 'and Black had big problems in Nielsen, PH-Tseshkovsky, V Hastings 2002" Glenn Flear: '!' h5 20.Bxd7 Nxd7 21.Rfc1 Ne5 22.b3± Nielsen,P-Tseshkovsky,V/ Hastings/2002/ Stohl: 'Nielsen, P-Tseshkovsky,V/Hastings/2002/';

B) Glenn Flear: 'or' 12...Ne8 Stohl,I: 'Flear,Glenn: 'followed by ... Nc7 and ...Ba6.'" 13.Qd2 Bg4 14.Rfe1 Nc7 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Nc4 17.Qc2 Na6 18.Nb5 Ne5 19.Be2 Nb4 20.Qd2 Qd7 21.Bg3 Qb7 22.Rad1 Kh8 23.f4 Nd7 24.Bc4 Nb6 25.b3 Rad8 26.Bh4 Rd7 27.f5↑ Shaked,T-Shirov,A/ Tilburg/1997/ Stohl: 'Shaked, T-Shirov,A/Tilburg/1997/ Especially

this second example is very similar to our game, exchanging the Bc8 for the N makes it difficult to get effective ♗. 'Especially this second example is very similar to our game, exchanging the ♗c8 for the ♘ makes it difficult to get effective ♗.;

C) _ Glenn Flear: 'Perhaps its better to try the other diagonal with' 12...Ba6!/? (Stohl,I) Flear,Glenn; **D) 12...Nh5** 13.Bg5 Ba6 14.Bxa6 Rxa6 15.Nd2 Ra7 16.Rc1 Rb7 17.b3 f5!? 18.g4 fxc4 19.Qxc4 Qd7 20.f3 Bd4+ 21.Kg2 Qxc4+ 22.fxc4 Rxf1 23.Kxf1 Nf6± /♗, Gleizerov,E-Sadatnajafi,M/Dubai op/2003/ Stohl: ' / ♗, Gleizerov,E-Sadatnajafi,M/Dubai op/2003/']

12.Nd2 Stohl,I: 'Flear,Glenn: 'Capturing with the queen on b6 naturally invites White to place a knight on c4!" **12...Ba6** [12...Ne8 13.Nc4 Qd8 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bd2 Nb6 16.Qc1 Kh7 17.Nb5 Nxc4 18.Bxc4 Nc7 19.Bc3 Bxc3 20.Qxc3 (♖20.bxc3↑) 20...Nxb5 21.axb5 Bd7 Demasi,J-Bernard,I/Isla Margarita/1998/ Stohl: 'Demasi,J-Bernard,I/Isla Margarita/1998/' 22.Ra3 Qb6 23.Rfa1 a4=]

13.Nb5! Stohl: 'This move is in keeping with White's general plan.'This move is in keeping with White's general plan.

[13.Kh1 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Rfb8 15.f4 Qa6 16.Qf3 Rb7 17.Rb1 Ne8 18.Nb5 Nc7 19.Nxc7 Rxc7 20.b3 Rb8 21.Bb2 Bxb2 22.Rxb2 Nakamura,R-Ali,G/Moscow olm/1994/ Rb4±]

13...Rfb8N

[13...Ne5 14.Kh1 c4 15.f4 Nd3 16.Nxc4 Nf2+ 17.Rxf2 Qxf2 18.Be3 Qh4 19.Bf3 h5 20.g3 Qh3 21.Bg2 Qg4 22.Qf1 Qd7 23.Nb6±

Alonso Gonzalez,A-Munoz,M/Asturias/
1995/]

[13...Ne8 14.Nc4 Qd8 15.Bd2±]

14.Qc2 Qd8 15.Nc4 Nb6

[15...Bxb5 Stohl 16.axb5 Rxb5
17.Nxd6 [%draw full,b5,green] [%draw
full,e2,green]]

16.Nca3!? Stohl,I: 'Flear,Glenn: 'After'

[16.Nxb6 Qxb6 Δe6,Δe8-c7⇌ Stohl:
'Δe6,Ne8-c7⇌']

[Glenn Flear: 'After' 16.Nxa5
(Stohl,I) (Flear,Glenn) Black has
Nbxd5! 17.Nc6 Nb4 with advantage.]

16...Ne8 Stohl: [%draw arrow,e8,c7,
green] [%draw arrow,c7,b5,green]

[16...e6 17.dxe6 fxe6 18.Bf4 Ne8
19.Nc4!↑ ♗ Stohl: 'XP']

17.Rb1 Stohl: '!' **17...Nc7 18.b3±**

Stohl,I: 'Flear,Glenn: 'Keeping
everything neat and tidy. White's control
ensures that he retains his advantage
for the duration.' **18...Bxb5?!**
Stohl: 'As we have indicated above,
Black should be very careful about
giving White control over the light
squares.' As we have indicated above,
Black should be very careful about
giving White control over the light
squares.

[Δ18...Nxb5 19.Nxb5 e6!±]

19.Nxb5 Na6

[19...Nxb5 (Stohl,I) Flear,Glenn
20.Bxb5 is probably even worse as
Black's whole queenside is stymied. In
the game at least with the knight on
b4 bearing down on d5 it makes any
white e4-e5 advance problematic.]

20.Bg5 Nb4 21.Qd2 Qd7 22.f4

Stohl,I: 'Flear,Glenn: 'With everything
hunky-dory on the left White starts
thinking about expanding on the right
flank.' **22...Rb7 23.f5!→** Stohl: 'As in
Shaked-Shirov, White stops any e6

ideas and starts playing for a »→ .'

Stohl: 'As in Shaked-Shirov, White stops
any e6 ideas and starts playing for a »→.

' Stohl,I: '!' Flear,Glenn. Flear,Glenn:
'This thematic advance is typical in
positions where Black can't easily get a
knight to e5.' Glenn Flear: '!'
As in Shaked-Shirov, White stops any e6
ideas and starts playing for a »→ .

23...Qe8

[23...Qd8 Stohl]

24.Rf3 Stohl: [%draw arrow,f3,h3,green]
[%draw arrow,h3,h7,green]' **24...Nd7**

25.Rbf1 Stohl: 'While the Nb5 holds the
«, White methodically concentrates the
rest of his pieces against Black's K.'
While the ♖b5 holds the «, White
methodically concentrates the rest of his
pieces against Black's ♔. **25...Be5**
Stohl,I: 'Flear,Glenn: 'Otherwise'

[Glenn Flear: 'Otherwise' 25...Ne5
(Stohl,I) (Flear,Glenn) (Nicely placed
but as everything else is so passive
it's still tough to defend against
White's attack) 26.Rh3 f6
will no doubt prove to be rather grim
with the bishop stuck inside the pawn
chain. (26...Rab8 27.f6 Bf8 28.Qf4)]

26.Rh3

[26.Bh6→ Δfg6 Stohl: 'Δfg6']

26...f6 27.Be3 Stohl: 'This allows Black
to put up a (at least temporary)
blockade. 'This allows Black to put up a
(at least temporary) blockade.

[27.fxcg6!? Qxcg6 (27...fxg5
28.Bg4!→) 28.Rf5→]

27...g5!? **28.g4**

[28.Rh5! Qf7 29.h4±]

28...Rc8 Stohl: [%draw arrow,c5,c4,
green]' **29.Bc4** Stohl,I: 'Flear,Glenn:
'White space advantage means that
Black's pieces on the queenside have
problems to come to help defend the

king. With the text move the young Cheparinov avoids even the slightest hint of counterplay on the queenside and now is ready to unleash an attack against Black's king who lacks piece support." **29...Bd4?** Stohl: 'Black wants to activate his Nd7 even at the cost of a P, but he allows a powerful sacrificial blow.' Stohl: 'Black wants to activate his Nd7 even at the cost of a P, but he allows a powerful sacrificial blow.' Stohl, I: '!?' Flear, Glenn. Flear, Glenn: 'A desperate attempt to save his skin at the cost of a pawn.' Glenn Flear: '!? Black wants to activate his ♖d7 even at the cost of a ♖, but he allows a powerful sacrificial blow.'

[♠29...Qf7 ♠♗f8-e8 Stohl: 'ΔKf8-e8']
30.Nxd4 cxd4 31.Bxg5! Stohl: 'The most energetic move, Cheparinov tears up Black's ♗.' The most energetic move, Cheparinov tears up Black's ♗.

[The mundane 31.Bxd4± Δ Stohl: 'Δ is also quite good.' ; Stohl: ' Δ is also quite good.' Stohl, I: 'Δ Flear, Glenn: 'must also be good but the sacrifice on g5 is more flamboyant.' 'is also quite good: Nc5 32.Rh5 Nxe4 33.Qe3 Nc5 34.Rxg5+-]

31...Ne5

[31...fxg5 Stohl, I: 'Flear, Glenn: 'goes down rapidly to' 32.Qxg5+ Kh8 33.Rxh7+! Kxh7 34.Rf3+- (34.Rf2 Stohl)]

32.Bh6 d3 Stohl: 'Black's major pieces are too far from the ♗ to help out the defence.' Stohl: 'Black's major pieces are too far from the ♗ to help out the defence.' Stohl, I: 'Flear, Glenn: 'Otherwise' Black's major pieces are too far from the ♗ to help out the defence.'

[Glenn Flear: 'Otherwise' 32...Nxc4 33.bxc4 Rxc4 Stohl, I: 'Flear, Glenn:

'comes into consideration when White has a pleasant choice between' (33...Qxa4 34.g5 Qc2 35.Qf4+-) 34.Bg7! Stohl, I: 'Flear, Glenn: 'or' (Glenn Flear: 'or' 34.g5 (Stohl, I) Flear, Glenn) 34...Qf7 (34...Kxg7 35.Qh6+ Kf7 36.Qxh7+ Kf8 37.Qh8+ Kf7 38.Rh7#; 34...e5 35.Bxf6+-) 35.Rxh7 Qxg7□ 36.Rxg7+ Kxg7 37.g5 d3 38.Qg2+- → Stohl: '→']

[Glenn Flear: 'Instead after' 32...Nxc4? (Stohl, I) (Flear, Glenn) White wins a piece with 33.Qg2]

33.g5 Qf7 34.Rg3 Kh8 35.g6!+- Stohl, I: '!' Flear, Glenn. Flear, Glenn: 'Throwing another pawn on the fire in order to get the second rook into the attack.' Glenn Flear: '!' **35...hxxg6**

[35...Qe8 36.Rh3 ♠♗g7+- Stohl: 'ΔBg7+-' (36.gxh7+-)]

36.fxxg6 Nxxg6 37.Rf5 Stohl: '[%draw arrow,f5,h5,green]' **37...Ne5**

[37...Rg8 38.Rh5 Qh7 39.Qd1!+-]
38.Bf8 Stohl, I: '!' Flear, Glenn. Flear, Glenn: 'White attacks with four pieces so it's no surprise that Black is overwhelmed.' Stohl: '!!!' Glenn Flear: '!'

[38.Bg7+ -39.♗g7 Stohl: '-39.Bg7']

38...Qh7

[38...Rxf8 Stohl 39.Qh6+]

[38...Qxf8 Stohl 39.Rh5+]

39.Bg7+ Qxg7

[39...Kg8 40.Bxf6+ Ng6 41.Rxg6+ Qxg6+ 42.Rg5+-]

40.Rh5+ Kg8 41.Rxg7+ Kxg7

42.Qh6+ Kf7 43.Qh7+ Ke8 44.Qf5

; ; h8;; c8 Stohl: ' ΔRh8,Qc8' ; ; h8;; c8 Stohl: ' ΔRh8,Qc8' Stohl, I: ' ; ; h8;; c8

Flear, Glenn: 'The rook on c8 and the mating net mean that Black had seen enough.' ; ; h8;; c8 Stohl: ' ΔRh8,Qc8

[%draw full,h5,green]' Δ♗h8,♗c8 Stohl: 'ΔRh8,Qc8' ; ; h8;; c8 Stohl: ' ΔRh8,Qc8

[%draw full,h5,green]

1-0

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A59

□ Shulman,Y

2614

■ Ramirez,Alej

2485

UTD GM Invitational (6)

09.12.2006

[Kitty Kat]

A59: Benko/Volga Gambit: White castles by hand

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 g6 7.e4 Bxf1 8.Kxf1 d6 9.Nge2 Bg7 10.h3 0-0 11.Kg1 Nbd7 12.Kh2 Qa5 13.Qc2 0.39/18

[13.Rb1± 0.77/18]

13...Rfb8 0.80/19

[13...Nb6± 0.39/18 14.Rd1 Na4 15.Bd2 Nxc3 16.Nxc3 Rfb8 17.Re1 Nd7 18.b3 Qa6 19.Rab1 Ne5 20.Re3 c4 21.Kg1 cxb3 22.axb3 Rc8 23.Qd1 Rab8 24.Ne2 Qb6 25.Bc3 Nc4 26.Rd3 Ne5 27.Rg3 h5 28.Bd4 Qb4 1-0 (68) Shulman,Y (2565)-Khalifman,A (2653) FIDE World Cup 2005 (2.4)]

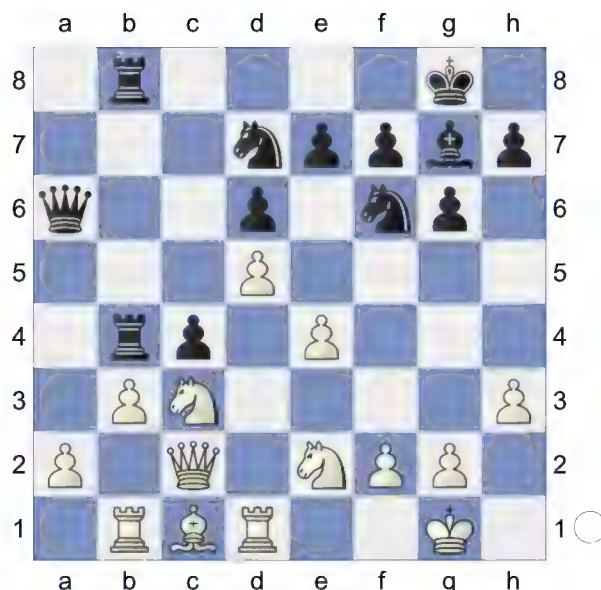
14.Rb1± White is better. 14...Rb4N

[14...Nb6 15.b3 Nfd7 16.Rd1 Qa6 17.Be3 c4 18.Nd4 Kf8 19.Nc6 Rc8 20.b4 Ne5 21.a4 Nxc6 22.dxc6 Nxa4 23.b5 Qa5 24.Nxa4 Qxa4 25.Qxa4 Rxa4 26.b6 d5 27.Bf4 1-0 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nh3 (1999)-Sole Pijuan,F (2059) 02 radio USA-URS 2013 (4)]

15.Rd1 Rab8 16.Kg1 Qa6 17.b3 c4? 2.55/18

[17...Ne5± 0.72/16]

(Diagram)



18.Nd4!+- cxb3 19.axb3 Ne5 20.Be3 Rc8 21.Qd2 Nh5 3.06/19

[21...h6 1.70/17 keeps fighting. 22.f3 (22.Bxh6? Bxh6 23.Qxh6 Rxc3-+) 22...g5]

22.Na2 Rb7 23.Nb4 Qa5 24.Ndc6 Nxc6 25.Nxc6



Discovered Attack 25...Qxd2 26.Rxd2

[Don't take 26.Bxd2?! f5±]

26...Nf6 27.f3 Kf8 3.73/19

[♞27...e6 2.36/19 28.Rc2 Kh8 (28...exd5? is the wrong capture.

29.Ne7+ Discovered Attack Rxe7

30.Rxc8+ Ne8 31.b4+-)]
28.b4 Ra8 29.b5 Nd7 30.Rc2
 Strongly threatening b6. **30...f5 3.60/19**
 [Δ 30...Nb6 **2.37/18** 31.Na5 Rxa5]
31.b6 fxe4 32.fxe4 Ke8 33.Rb5 Ra3
34.Na5? 1.36/20
 [34.Kf2+- **4.03/19**]
34...Rxe3± 35.Nxb7 Bd4 36.Kf1
1.11/24
 [36.Rc8+- **1.79/23** Kf7 37.Nd8+ Kf6
 38.Kh2 Bxb6 39.Ne6]
36...Bxb6? 4.51/26
 [36...Nxb6± **1.11/24** 37.Rd2 Rxe4]
37.Rc6+- Bc5? 7.55/22
 [37...Bd4 **3.75/24** 38.Rc8+ Kf7]
38.Rc8+ White is clearly winning.
38...Kf7 39.Rc7 Ke8
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/
 Black=0.65
40.Ra5
1-0

84 **A58**
 just_for_practising **2613**
 domore **2529**
 Blitz 26.02.2025
 [Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min **A58: Benko/Volga Gambit:**
 Lines with 5 bxa6
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 g6 0.87/21
 [5...e6!± **0.44/20**]
6.Nc3± Bg7 7.e4 0-0 8.e5 White is
better. 8...Ne8 9.h4 Bxe5 10.h5
 [10.Bh6 Ng7 11.Nf3 Bf6 12.h5 d6
 13.Qd2 Bf5 14.Ng5 gxh5 15.Bd3
 Qd7 16.Nge4 Bg6 17.Nxf6+ exf6
 18.f3 Re8+ 19.Kf2 Nxa6 20.Bb5
 Qb7 21.Bc6 Qb4 22.Bxe8 Rxe8
 23.Rae1 Rb8 24.Re2 Nf5

0-1 (50) Carbonell Sancho,M (2384)-
Alsina Leal,D (2527) Sitges Sunway
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10...Bxa6 11.Nf3 Bg7 1.16/17
 [11...Bxc3+= **0.28/18** keeps the
 balance. 12.bxc3 Qa5]



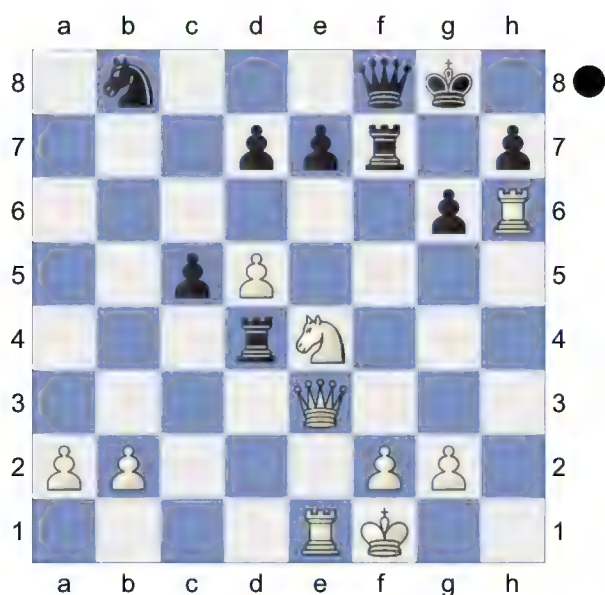
12.hxg6N

[12.Bxa6 Rxa6 13.Qd3 Nf6 14.Be3
 Qa5 15.0-0 Nxh5 16.Nd2 d6 17.Nc4
 Qc7 18.f4 Qb7 19.Bd2 Nd7
 20.Rae1 Nb6 21.Nxb6 Rxb6 22.b3
 Qd7 23.Qf3 e6 24.dxe6 fxe6
 25.Ne4 Nf6 26.Ng5 d5 **0-1 (44)**
Kaphan,E (2024)-Reseli,B (2230)
Chess Classic 2017 (8) 27.Bc3 h6
28.Bxf6 Bxf6 29.Nh3 Bg7 30.Qd3
Qf7 31.g3 Qf5 32.Qxf5 exf5 33.Kg2
c4 34.bxc4 dxc4 35.Re2 c3 36.Ng1
Rb2 37.Rc1 Ra8 38.Kf3 Raxa2
39.Re8+ Kf7 40.Rc8 Rd2 41.R8xc3
Bxc3 **0-1 (44)** Adam-Kramer New York
- 1946 [57] 42.Rxc3 Ra7 43.Nh3
Rda2 44.Rc6 R7a3+ **0-1** Adamovics,
A (2024)-Loy,K (2230) Riga Tech
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12...fxg6

[12...Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 fxg6 14.Bxa6

Nxa6 15.Bg5±]
13.Bh6 Bxf1 1.38/20
 [13...Bxh6± 0.58/18 14.Rxh6 Qb6]
14.Kxf1 Bxh6 15.Rxh6 Nd6 1.78/17
 [15...Rf5± 0.99/16 was necessary.]
16.Ng5? 0.25/18
 [16.Rh3+- 1.78/17]
16...Nf7= 17.Nxf7
 [17.Rxh7 Nxg5 18.Rh4 e5±]
17...Rxf7 18.Ne4 Ng5! would now be
deadly. 18...Qf8 19.Qd2 -4.88/18
 [19.Rh4± 0.31/17 stays ahead.]
19...Ra4? -0.54/16
 [Better is 19...Rf4+- -4.88/18 20.d6
 e6 (20...Qxh6? 21.Qd5+ e6
 22.Qxa8+-) 21.Rxh7 Kxh7]
20.Re1? -4.98/21
 [20.Nxc5? Rxf2+ (20...Raf4?
 21.Rxg6+ hxg6 22.f3+-) 21.Qxf2
 Rf4+-]
 [20.Rh4!± -0.54/16 Rd4 21.Qe3]
20...Rd4 Black is clearly winning.
21.Qe3 -6.39/22
 [21.Qg5 -4.23/20 Rf5 22.Rxg6+
 (22.Qh4 Rf4±) 22...hxg6 23.Qxg6+
 Kh8 24.Re3 Rd1+ (24...Rdxd5?
 too greedy. 25.Rh3+-) 25.Ke2]



21...Rxe4!+- Deflection 22.Qxe4 Qxh6
23.d6 exd6 24.Qd5 Qh1+ 25.Ke2
 Weighted Error Value: White=1.10/
 Black=0.59
25...Qh5+
0-1

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 □ **Ter Sahakyan, Samvel** **2611**
 ■ **Popov, Tikhon** **2130**
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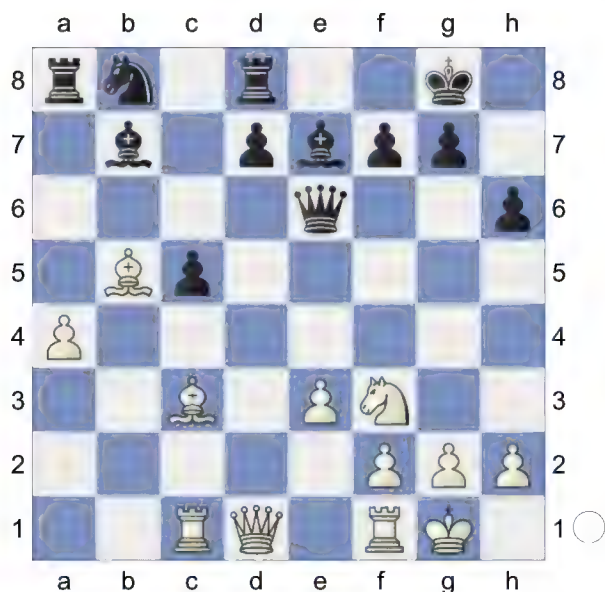
A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.e3 e6 6.Nc3 exd5 7.Nxd5 Bb7
8.Nxf6+ Qxf6 9.Nf3 Be7 10.a4!?
 A promising side line.
 Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
10...0-0 11.Be2 axb5 12.Bxb5
 White is slightly better. **12...Rd8 13.0-0**
h6 14.Bd2N 0.00/21

[14.Qe2 d5 0.63/17 (14...Be4=
 0.23/20) 15.Rd1 0.11/19 (15.Rb1±
 0.63/17) 15...Nc6 0.52/20
 (15...Na6= 0.11/19) 16.Rb1± d4
 17.Bd2 dxe3 0.98/22 (17...Bd6±
 0.55/19 is more appropriate.) 18.Bxe3
 0.44/20 (18.fxe3± 0.98/22
 And now Bc3 would win. Bd6
 19.Bc3) 18...Nd4!± 19.Bxd4 cxd4
 20.Rd3 1-0 (41) Makarian, R (2547)-
 Popov, T (2219) Titled Tuesday intern
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 [14.Ra2± 0.44/20]

14...Qxb2= 15.Rc1 Qf6 16.Bc3 Qe6

(Diagram)



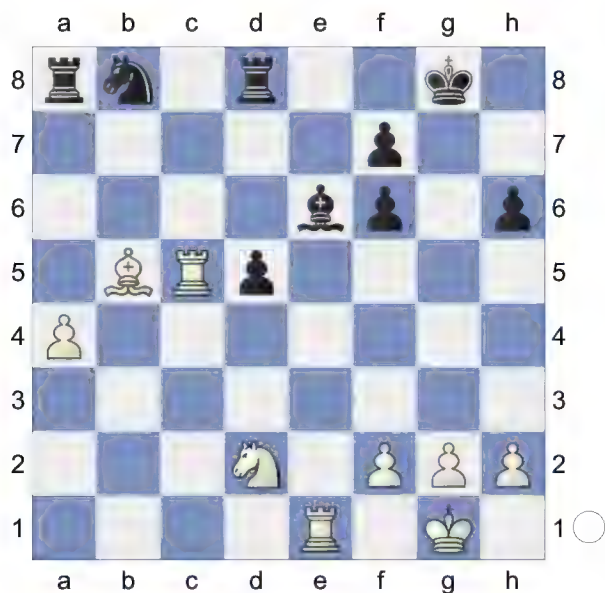
17.e4! Bxe4

[17...Nc6 18.Re1]

18.Re1 d5 1.02/20

[18...Qg6= -0.01/22]

19.Nd2± Bf6 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.Rxc5 Bf5 22.Qf3 Be6 23.Qxf6 gxf6



24.Nf3 0.45/19 White is more active.

[24.Rc3!± 1.21/20]

24...Nd7? 2.38/21

[24...d4± 0.45/19]

25.Rc7+- Nb6? 3.35/21

[25...Nf8 1.83/19 26.Nd4 Rdb8]

26.Nd4 Bd7 27.h3 Kf8 Prevents Re7.

28.Rb7 1.76/21

[Δ28.Rb1 3.15/19]

28...Rab8 2.54/22

[Δ28...Bxb5 1.76/21 29.axb5
(29.Rxb6 Re8±) 29...Nc4]

29.Rc7? -0.01/20

[29.Ra7+- 2.54/22]

29...Rbc8? 3.59/21

[29...Ra8! = -0.01/20]

30.Rec1 Ra8 31.Rb7 1.99/21

[Δ31.Nc6 4.48/22]

31...Rab8 3.26/22 Black is weak on the dark squares

[31...Bxb5 1.99/21 is a better defense. 32.axb5 (32.Rxb6 Bc4±) 32...Nc4]

32.Rcc7 Be8? 9.04/22

[32...Rxb7 2.59/21 33.Rxb7 Bxb5]

33.Bxe8 White is clearly winning.

33...Rxb7 34.Rxb7 Nxa4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.81

35.Bxa4

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□ **Ter Sahakyan,S**

■ **Kuznecova,Marija**

Titled Tue 26th Aug Early blitz (1)

[Kitty Kat]

A57

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E91: King's Indian: Classical: 6 Be2, unusual replies including 6...c5 and 6...Bg4

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.e3 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.a4 0-0 8.e4 axb5 9.Bxb5 d6 10.Nf3 Ba6 11.Qc2N

[11.Bf4 Qa5 12.0-0 Qb4 13.Qc2 Bxb5 14.axb5 Nbd7 15.Bd2 Rfb8 16.Rfb1 Ne8 A 57/62 2000]

[11.Bd2 Bxb5 12.axb5 Rxa1 13.Qxa1 Nbd7 14.0-0 Nb6 15.Qa6

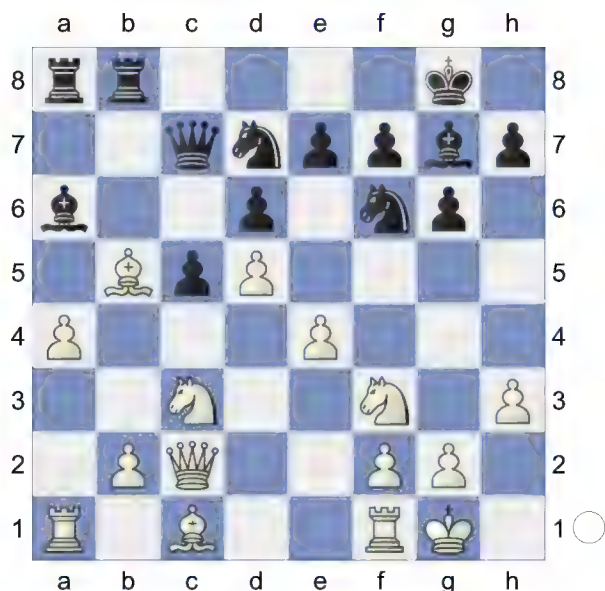
(15.Qa7 Nc4 16.b3 Nxd2 17.Nxd2 Qb8 18.b6 A 57/62 2000) 15...Nc4 16.Ra1 Nd7 17.Qa2 Nxd2 18.Nxd2 Nb6 19.Qa7 Bd4 20.Nb3 f5 21.Ra6 Nc8 22.Qb7 fxe4 23.Nxe4 h6 24.Ra8 Qe8 25.Nxd4 cxd4 1-0 (39) Lamberthod, G (2206)-Friedman, L (2001) Wch14 3/4F-2 1987 (2)]

11...Nbd7 12.0-0 White is more active.

12...Qc7 1.66/19

[12...Ne8± 1.28/17 13.Bxa6 Rxa6]

13.h3+- Rfb8



Hoping for ...Bxb5. 14.Ra3 1.32/18

[White should play 14.Rb1+- 1.80/16]

14...c4? 3.31/16

[14...Ne8± 1.32/18 keeps fighting.]

15.Nd4 Nc5 16.Nc6 Rb7 17.Be3

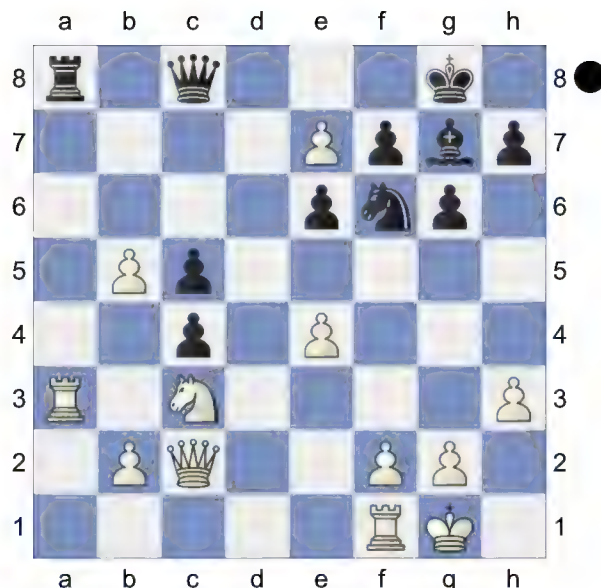
White is clearly winning. 17...e6

18.Bxc5 dxc5 19.d6 Qc8 6.84/19

[19...Qxd6 4.30/18 20.e5 Qd3 21.Qxd3 cxd3 22.exf6 Bxf6]

20.Ne7+ Rxe7 21.dxe7 Bxb5 22.axb5

(Diagram)



And now Rxa8 would win. 22...Rxa3 23.bxa3 Qd7 24.b6 Qxe7 25.Qa4 Qb7 Black got outplayed after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/ Black=1.31

26.Qa7

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□ Hakobyan, Aram

■ Sahakyan, Aleks

A57

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Titled Tuesday intern op 16th May Late b.. [Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Qc2 b4

5.e4 d6 6.Bd3 g6 7.Ne2!? Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.

[7.f4 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Qe2 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.Nbd2 Bb7 13.Ng5 Qe7 14.Ndf3 Nh5 15.g3 Rae8 16.Be3 d5 17.e5 Nb6 18.Nh4 Bh6 19.Nxh7 Nxg3 20.hxg3 Qxh7 21.Nxg6 Qg7 1-0 (44) Hamoushi, M (2557)-Van Wessel, R

(2269) 83/160 Leon 2001 (5)]

7...Bg7 8.0-0 The position is equal.

8...0-0 9.Nd2 a5N

[Predecessor: 9...Nbd7 0.44/20

9...a5 0.04 10.f4 a5 11.a4 -0.37/19

(11.Nf3± 0.49/16) 11...e6 12.Nf3

-0.53/20 (12.dxe6= -0.05/18 fxe6

13.Ng3) 12...exd5 13.exd5 Re8

-0.14/21 (13...Ba6 14.h3=

Rb8! ...Ba6 would now be deadly.

15.Bd2 -1.30/19 (15.f5!= -0.11/19)

15...Ba6 ½-½ Koneru,H (2586)-Zuriel,

M (2174) Olympiad Women-44 2022

(2.1)]

[9...e6 10.Ng3 exd5 11.cxd5 Nbd7

12.Nc4 Nb6 13.Bf4 Nxc4 14.Bxc4

Re8 15.Rad1 a5 16.Rfe1 Bb7 17.h3

Qc7 18.Nf1 Nd7 19.Ne3 Ne5

20.Bb5 Rf8 21.Bh2 Ba6 22.Bxa6

Rxa6 23.f4 Nd7 24.Nc4 1-0 (36)

David,A (2404)-Arion,I (1924) ROM-

chT Blitz 2022 (3.14) Bd4+ 25.Kh1

Qb7 26.Bg1 Bg7 27.e5 dxe5

28.fxe5 Re8 29.Bh2 Re7 30.Qf2

Qb5 31.Nd6 Qb6 32.Nc8 Qd8

33.Nxe7+ Qxe7 34.e6 fxe6 35.Qe2

e5 36.Qxa6 1-0 David,A (2428)-Filip,L

(2413) ROM-chT Mamaia 2021 (5.2)]

10.a4 -0.35/18

[10.h3= 0.16/18]

10...bxa3 0.41/16

[10...e5 11.Nd2 a5N

11.Rxa3± Na6 12.Qd1 Nb4 13.Bb1

Nd7 0.77/18

[13...e6= 0.29/19]

14.Nc3 -0.05/18

[14.f4± 0.77/18]

14...Ne5 0.73/19

[14...Ba6= -0.05/18]

15.Qe2± Ba6 16.f4 Nd7 17.Kh1 e6

18.dxe6! fxe6

(Diagram)

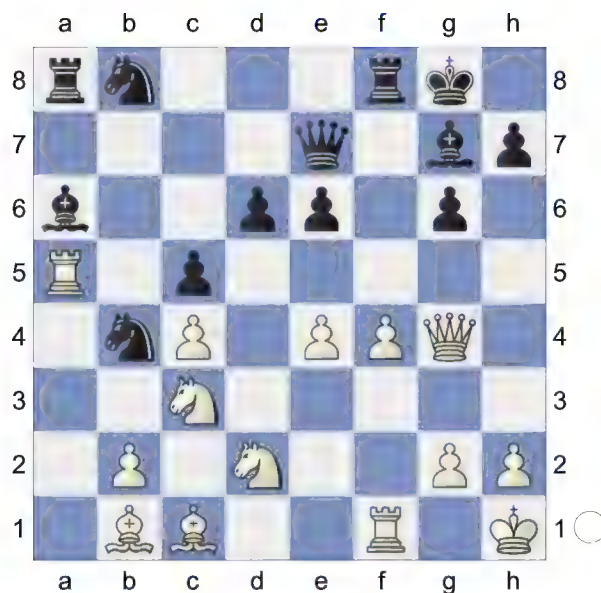


19.Qg4 0.32/18

[19.Nb5!± 0.89/19]

19...Qe7± 20.Rxa5 Nb8 1.01/20

[20...Nc6= 0.28/19 21.Ra1 Nd4]



21.Ra3!± N8c6 22.Nb5 Bxb5? 2.78/20

[Black should play 22...d5!± 0.64/18]

23.cxb5+- Nd4 24.Rxa8 Rxa8 25.b6 1.05/18

[25.f5 exf5 26.exf5 gxf5=]

[25.Nf3+- 2.15/19]

25...Rf8 1.56/18

[25...d5 1.05/18]

26.Nf3± Ndc6 4.48/16

[26...Nxf3± 1.41/17 27.Qxf3 Rb8]

27.Ng5 Nd4 28.Be3 Strongly threatening Bxd4. 28...h6 29.Bxd4 hxg5 30.Bxg7 Kxg7 31.f5 1.75/18

[31.Qxg5? Qxg5 32.f5 Qf6-+ (32...gxf5? 33.exf5 exf5 34.b3-+)]

[Δ31.Kg1 3.34/21]

31...exf5+- 32.exf5 Nd5 33.Qg3? 0.44/23

[Only move: 33.b7!+- 2.17/20]

33...gxf5 3.36/22

[33...Nxb6± 0.44/23 34.Re1 Qf6]

34.b7? 1.13/18

[Stronger than 34.Bxf5 Ne3 35.Re1 Rxf5=]

[34.Rxf5 Rxf5 35.Bxf5 Nxb6=]

[34.Re1+- 3.36/22 is more deadly. Qf6 35.b7]

34...g4? 8.01/23

[34...Ne3± 1.13/18 35.Rf3 f4]

35.Bxf5 White is clearly winning.

35...Ne3 36.Re1 Qxb7 37.Rxe3 Rxf5

38.Qxg4+ Kf6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.53/ Black=0.89

39.Qh4+

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A59

□ TheRigos

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■ DrNykterstein

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Blitz

03.07.2021

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min A59: Benko/Volga Gambit: White castles by hand

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6

5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.e4 Bxf1

8.Kxf1 d6 9.g3 Bg7 10.Kg2 0-0

11.Nf3 Nbd7 12.a4 Qb6 13.Qc2 Rfb8

1.19/16

[Δ13...c4 0.72/16]

14.Nb5± Ne8 1.39/17

[14...Qb7 0.91/17]

15.Ra3 0.75/20

[Δ15.Bd2 1.39/17 Nc7 16.Nxc7

Qxc7 17.Rab1 c4 18.b4 c3 19.Rhc1

Qc4 20.Bxc3 Rc8 21.Rb3 Rxa4

22.Qb2 Qxe4 23.Bxg7 Rxc1 24.Bh6

f6 25.Qxc1 1-0 Riazantsev,A (2692)-

Van Wely,L (2654) Wch Blitz 8th 2014

(15)]

15...Nc7 White is better. 16.Nxc7 Qxc7

17.b3 Qb6N 1.57/17

[17...c4!± 0.65/18]

[17...Qb7 18.Bd2 Rf8 19.h4 e6

20.dxe6 fxe6 21.Re1 d5 22.Ng5

Rae8 23.b4 h6 24.Nf3 cxb4 25.Rb3

Rc8 26.Qb1 Rc4 27.exd5 Qxd5

28.Qxg6 Rc3 29.Bxc3 Qxf3+ 30.Kh3

bxc3 31.Qxe6+ Rf7 32.Rb4

1-0 (39) Atalik,S (2551)-Mahnev,V

(2227) Vladimir op 2001 (2) Kh8

33.Qe2 Qxf2 34.Qxf2 Rxf2 35.Rc4

Rd2 36.a5 Rd3 37.a6 Be5 38.Rc8+

Kg7 39.Rxe5 1-0 21.Qc4 (2551)-

Drobbin,M (2218) SH.2006.0.00062

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18.Bb2? -0.56/25

[Better is 18.Bd2!± 1.57/17]

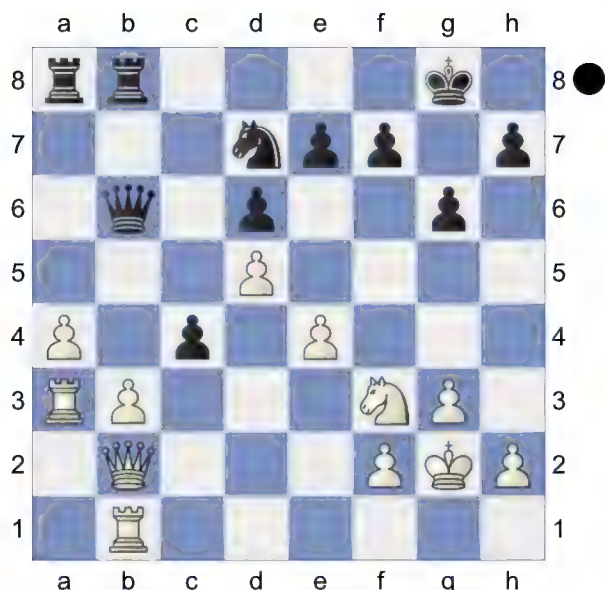
18...Bxb2 19.Qxb2 c4 0.89/20

[19...Qb4! 0.33/19 keeps the upper hand.]

20.Rb1? -1.68/20

[20.Nd4± 0.89/20]

(Diagram)



20...Nc5? 0.88/19

[20...Qb4!+- -1.68/20 21.a5 c3
(21...Rxa5 22.Rxa5 Qxa5 23.b4=)]

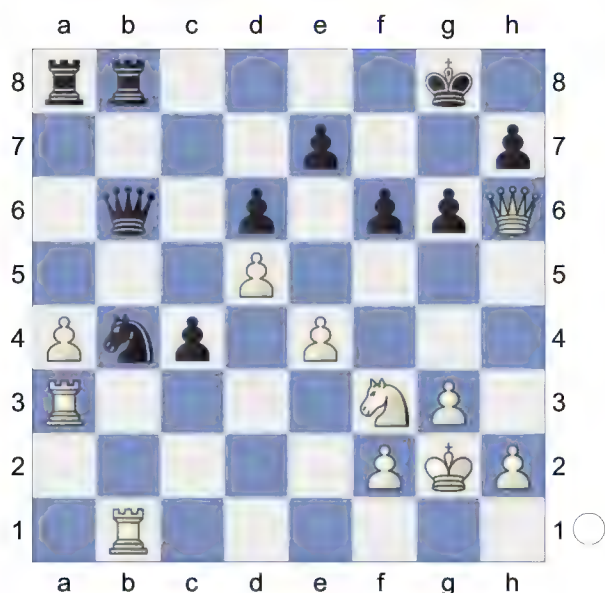
21.b4± Hoping for a5. **21...Nd3?** 2.75/15

[21...Nxe4± 0.61/17 22.Qd4 Qxd4
23.Nxd4 Rb7]

22.Qd2+- Nxb4 23.Qh6 1.71/18

[Δ23.Rc3 2.94/20]

23...f6



24.h4? 0.31/21

[24.Qd2!+- 1.83/19]

24...Qc5 2.68/25

[Black should play 24...Qa7± 0.31/21]

25.Rc1? -0.01/24

[Only move: 25.h5+- 2.68/25 g5
26.Nxg5 fxg5 27.Qxg5+ Kf8
(27...Kh8 28.Rf3±) 28.h6]

25...Nxd5= Discovered Attack

[25...Nd3? 26.Rxd3 Rxa4 27.Nd4+-]

26.exd5?? -3.72/19

[26.h5!= -0.01/20 and White is okay.
g5 (26...Qxa3 27.hxg6±) 27.Nxg5
fxg5 (27...Qxa3 28.Qxh7+ Kf8
29.Qh8#) 28.Qe6+ Kh8 29.Rf3]

26...Qxa3+- 27.Rxc4? -5.14/21

[27.h5 -3.09/19 is a better defense.
gxh5 (27...Qxa4 28.hxg6 hxg6
29.Qxg6+ Kf8 30.Rh1 e6 31.Rh8+
Ke7 32.Qh7#) 28.Rxc4]

27...Qd3

[27...Rxa4? loses. 28.Nd4 Qd3
(28...Rxc4 29.Ne6 Kf7 30.Qxh7+
Ke8 31.Qg8+ Kd7 32.Qxb8)
29.Rxa4+-]

28.Rd4 Qf5 29.Qe3 Inhibits Rb3.

29...Rb7 30.g4? -4.85/22

[30.h5 -2.68/18]

30...Qd7 31.Qf4 -6.00/22

[Δ31.Re4 -4.24/22 Rxa4 32.Nd4]

31...Rba7 32.h5 g5

[32...Rxa4? 33.hxg6 hxg6
34.Qe4+-]

33.Nxg5 -6.51/25

[33.Qe3 -3.83/26]

33...fxg5 Black is clearly winning.

34.Qxg5+ Kh8 35.h6 Rg8 Wards off Qg7+

[Weaker is 35...Rxa4 36.Qg7#]

36.Qh5 Rxa4 37.Rxa4 Qxa4 38.f3

Qc2+ 39.Kg3 Qg6 40.Qh4 Qf6

41.Qxf6+ exf6 42.Kf4 What a bad dream for White.

Weighted Error Value: White=1.22/
Black=0.97

42...Rg5

0-1

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□ Toodfish

■ Fipsi_x

Blitz

[Kitty Kat]

A58

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23.08.2024

Blitz 3min A58: Benko/Volga Gambit:
Lines with 5 bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 e6 6.Nc3 exd5 7.Nxd5 Be7
8.Bf4 -0.01/18

[8.Nxe7± 0.68/18 Qxe7 9.g3]

8...Nxd5= 9.Qxd5 Nc6! 10.e4 0-0!

11.0-0-0N -2.11/19

[11.Rd1= 0.05/18]

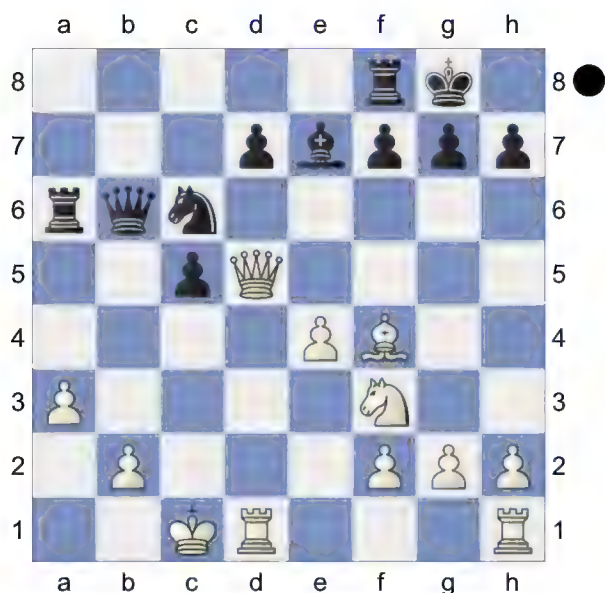
[11.Nf3 Qb6 12.Qd2 Bf6 13.e5 Re8
14.Be2 Bxa6 15.0-0 Bxe2 16.Qxe2
d6 1) Benko Gambit Fully Accepte-5...
e6 6.Nc3 exd5 7.Nxd5 Be7]

11...Bxa6+ 12.Bxa6 Rxa6 13.a3
-3.33/18 Dodges Nb4

[13.Ne2 -1.72/19]

13...Qb6 14.Nf3? -3.85/17

[14.Ne2 -2.16/17 d6 15.Rd2]



14...c4! Deflection 15.Qxc4

[15.Qxd7? c3 (15...Qxf2 16.Qd2±)
16.bxc3 Rd8+ (16...Rxa3?

17.Be3+; 16...Qxf2? 17.Rd2+;
16...Bxa3+? 17.Kc2+)]
[15.Be3 Qb7]

15...Na5 Black is clearly winning. 16.Qc2
Qb7 17.Kd2 Rc8 18.Qd3 Rf6

[18...Qxb2+ 19.Ke1 Rca8 (19...Nc4
20.Qxd7 Raa8 21.Qxe7=) 20.g3±]
[18...Nc4+ 19.Ke1±]

19.Rc1 Repels Nc4+ 19...Qxb2+

[19...Rxf4? 20.Rxc8+ Qxc8
21.Rc1+]

20.Kd1 Rfc6

[20...Qxa3 21.Rxc8+ Bf8 22.Qxa3
d6 23.Qxa5 (23.Bxd6 h6 24.Be5
Kh7 25.Qxf8 Rd6+ 26.Ke1 Rd1+
27.Kxd1 f6 28.Nh4 fxe5 29.Qh8#;
23.Rxf8+ Kxf8 24.Qxa5 Ke8
25.Qa8+ Ke7 26.Bg5 Pin d5
27.exd5 h6 28.Re1+ Kd7 29.Qb7+
Kd8 30.Qxf7 hxg5 31.Re8#) 23...h6
24.Rxf8+ Kh7 25.Qh5]

21.Rxc6 Rxc6

[21...Nxc6? 22.Qa6 Re8
(22...Qxa3? 23.Qxc8+ Bf8
24.Qxd7+-) 23.Re1+]
[21...dxc6 22.Be5 Qxf2 23.Bd4±]

22.Bd2 Prevents Rc3 22...Nb3

[22...Qxa3 23.Qxa3 Bxa3 24.Ke2±
(24.Bxa5? Rc1+ Skewer 25.Ke2
Rxh1+-)]

23.Ke2

(Diagram)



Rd6

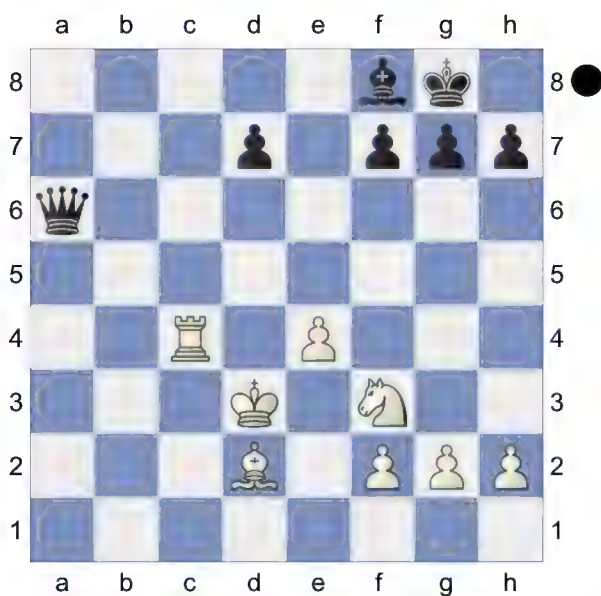
[23...Qxa3 24.Rd1 $\bar{f}$]

[23...Bxa3 24.Qb1 Rc2 25.Qxb2
Rxb2 26.Rd1=]

24.Rb1 Nc1+

[24...Qxa3? *perishes.* 25.Qxb3 Qa6+
26.Qb5+-]

25.Rxc1 Rc8+ would kill now. **25...Rxd3**
26.Rc8+ Bf8 27.Kxd3 Threatens to win
with Bb4. **27...Qxa3+ 28.Rc3 Qa6+**
29.Rc4

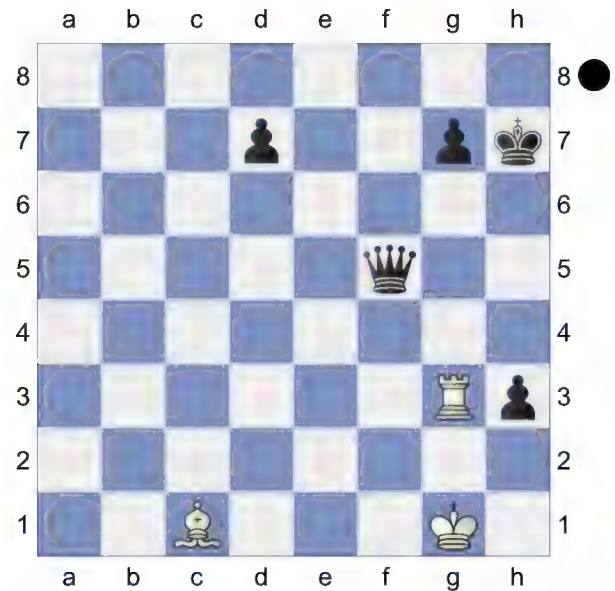


f5! 30.e5 Qb5 31.h4 h6 32.Kc3 Be7
33.Be3 Bd8 34.Rd4 Ba5+ 35.Kc2

Qe2+ 36.Nd2 Bxd2 37.Rxd2
Endgame KQ-KRB 37...Qc4+ 38.Kb2
f4

[*Weaker is* 38...Qxh4 39.Rxd7 Qb4+
40.Kc1-+]

39.Bd4 Qb5+ 40.Kc3 Qc6+ 41.Kd3
Qxg2 42.Rc2 Qh3+ 43.Ke4 Qh1+
44.Kxf4 Qxh4+ 45.Ke3 Qg5+ 46.f4
Qg3+ 47.Ke4 Qg6+ Skewer 48.f5
Qg4+ Deflection 49.Ke3 Qxf5 50.Rc8+
Kh7 51.Rc3 h5 52.e6 Qxe6+ 53.Kf2
Qg4 54.Be3 h4 55.Bc1 h3 56.Rg3
Qf5+ 57.Kg1



h2+! 58.Kxh2 Qc2+ 59.Kg1 Qxc1+
60.Kg2 d5 61.Rh3+ Kg8 62.Rh1
Qc2+ 63.Kg3 d4 ...Qd3+ would now be
deadly. 64.Kf4 White got outplayed after
the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/
Black=0.07 (flawless)

64...d3
0-1

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□ Fier, Alexandr

■ Milos, Gilberto

Gaudium Masters-B blitz (2) 29.06.2023

[Kitty Kat]

A57

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A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nf3 g6
5.cxb5 a6 6.e3 Bg7 7.Nc3 Bb7 8.a4
0-0 9.Be2 axb5 10.Bxb5 e6 11.e4
exd5 12.exd5 Re8+ 1.15/21

[12...Qe8± 0.45/21 13.Be3 Ng4]

13.Be3± Ng4 1.37/22

[Black should try 13...Na6 0.79/22]

14.0-0 Nxe3N

[14...Rxe3 15.fxe3 Nxe3 16.Qd2
Nxf1 17.Rxf1 h6 18.Qf4 Bxc3
19.bxc3 Bxd5 20.Qxh6 Qf6 21.Qd2
Be6 22.Ng5 Qe7 23.Qe3 Qf8
24.Ne4 Nc6 25.Nf6+ Kg7 26.Bxc6
dxc6 27.Qe5 Qb8 28.Ne8+ Kf8
29.Nc7 Kg8 ½-½ (66) Beliaevsky,A
(2645)-Spraggett,K (2560) Olympiad-
33 Elista 1998 (3.1) 30.Qf4 Rxa4
31.Qxa4 Qxc7 32.Qf4 Qxf4 33.Rxf4
Kg7 34.Kf2 f5 35.Ra4 c4 36.Ke3
Kf6 37.Kd4 Bd5 38.g3 Kg5 39.Ke5
Kg4 40.Ra7 Kf3 41.Kf6 Be4
42.Kxg6 f4+ 43.Kf6 fxg3 44.hxg3
Kxg3 1-0 (66) Peter,W (2606)-
Kausche,G (2549) Becej 41/(676)
1986]

15.fxe3 Rxe3 1.47/22

[♞15...Na6 0.85/20]

16.Qd2!?!↑ Black is under strong
pressure. Leaves trodden paths.
Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

16...Re8 1.80/20

[16...Bh6± 1.26/20]

17.Kh1 0.66/22

[17.Rae1!+- 1.80/20]

17...h6 1.76/21 Prevents Ng5.

[17...Na6? 2.16/20 17...Rf8 0.65]

[17...Rf8± 0.66/22]

18.Rae1 1.23/22

[White should play 18.Qf4+- 1.76/21]

18...Rxe1 19.Rxe1N Na6 20.d6

Inhibits Nc7. This costs Black the game.

20...Nb4? 5.01/18

[20...Qf6 21.Ne5 Nb4? 4.61/19

(21...Re8± 0.87/19 is a better chance.

22.Nxd7 Rxe1+ 23.Qxe1 Qf4)

22.Nxd7+- Qd4 23.Qxd4 (23.Rd1

1.73/23 23.Qxd4 4.27) 23...cxd4

24.Nd1]

[20...Bxf3? 4.37/22 20...Qf6 1.31

21.gxf3 Qf6 22.Kg2 Nb4 23.Re7

Qd4 24.Qxd4 cxd4 25.Ne4]

[20...Qf6± 1.27/23]



21.Re7!+- Nc6? 7.38/19

[21...Qb6 3.99/18 22.Ne5 (22.Rxd7
Bc6+-; 22.Bxd7 Nc6+-) 22...Bxe5]

(Diagram)



22.Rxf7!! Decoy, Back Rank. White is clearly winning. **22...Qe8**

[22...Kxf7 23.Qd5+ Kf8 (23...Ke8 24.Qg8+ Bf8 and ...Qf6 would now be decisive 25.Qxg6#)



24.Bc4!]

[22...Ba6 23.Qd5]

23.Bc4 Kh8 24.Bd5 Rb8 25.Qc2

[25.Ne4 Black must now prevent Rxg7!. Ne5 26.Nf6 White wants to mate with Qxh6+!. Qxf7 (26...Qd8 27.Qxh6+ Bxh6 28.Rh7# 1/2-1/2 Tarmak,M (1813)-Piantedosi,F

(2046) W-ch WS/H/175 email 2009)

27.Bxf7 Nxf7 28.Nxd7]

25...Ne5 26.Re7 Qf8 27.Bxb7

[27.Nxe5? Qf1#]

27...Rxb7 28.Qe2

[28.Nxe5? Qf1#]

28...Nxf3 29.Re8 Pin

[And not 29.gxf3 Qf4=]

[29.Qxf3 Rxb2 30.Qxf8+ (30.Rxd7? loses. Qxf3 Remove Defender

31.gxf3 Bxc3-+) 30...Bxf8#]

29...Nd4 30.Rxf8+ Bxf8 31.Qe8 Kg7

32.Qe5+ Kh7 33.Qxc5 Nc6 34.Nb5

Rb8



35.a5! Re8 36.Qf2 Bg7 37.a6 Rb8

38.a7 Nxa7 39.Qxa7

[39.Nxa7 Rxb2 40.Qg1 Ra2=]

39...Rxb5 40.Qxd7 Rxb2 41.g3 Rf2

42.Qe7 Predecessor: 42...Kg8

Weighted Error Value: White=0.38/ Black=0.99

43.d7

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E10

□ Paravyan, David

2601

■ Timmermans, Mark

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Titled Tuesday intern op 16th May Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.e3 Bb7 6.Nc3 e6

[6...axb5 7.Bxb5 g6 8.Nf3 Bg7
9.0-0 0-0 10.e4 d6 11.a4 Na6
12.h3 Nc7 13.Qc2 Nxb5 14.Nxb5
Qb6 15.Bd2 Ba6 16.b4 Nxe4
17.Qxe4 Bxb5 18.bxc5 Qd8 19.axb5
Bxa1 20.c6 Bf6 21.Be3 1-0 (29)

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7.dxe6N

[7.e4 Qa5 8.Bd2 Qb6 9.a4 exd5
10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 Bxd5 12.Nh3
axb5 13.Nf4 Bc6 14.Bd3 Rxa4
15.0-0 51) Benko: 4...a6 5.e3-4...e6 5.
Nc3 exd5 Lifetime Repertoires:
Swiercz's 1. d4 - 2023]

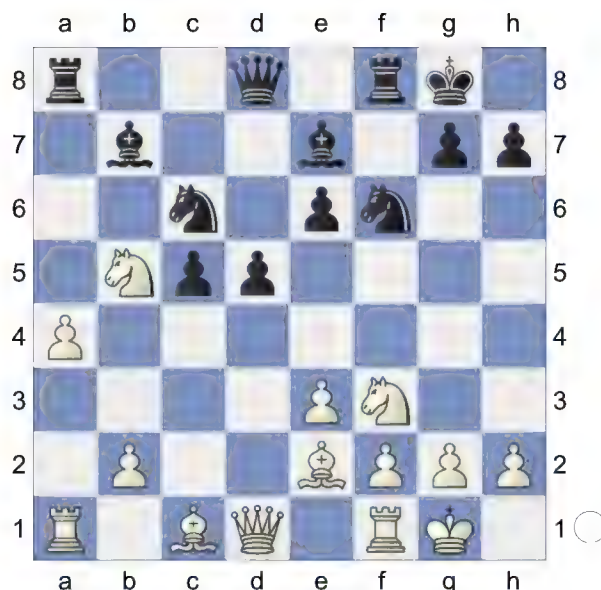
7...fxe6 8.Nf3 Be7 9.a4!? Exploring
less charted territory. Erkundet wenig
bekanntes Terrain. 9...0-0 10.Be2!?
A promising side line.
Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
10...d5 1.02/21

[10...axb5± 0.63/22 11.Bxb5
(11.Nxb5 Nc6±) 11...Ne8]

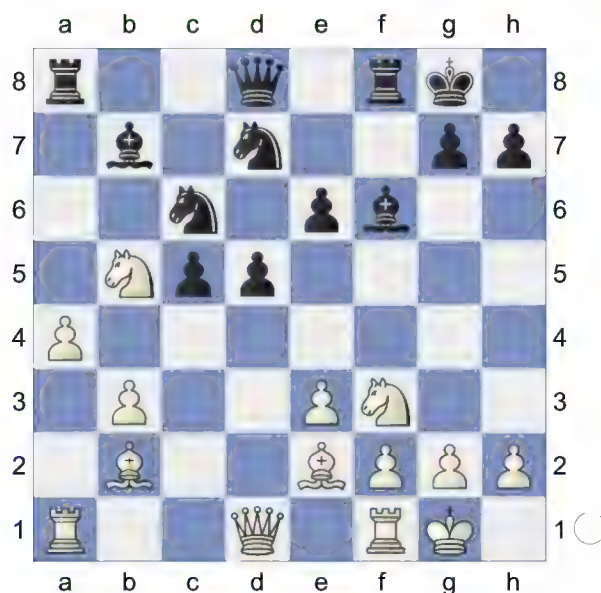
11.0-0± White is better. 11...axb5
12.Bxb5N 0.46/21

[Predecessor: 12.Nxb5 Nc6

(Diagram)



13.b3! Nd7 14.Bb2 0.89/21
(14.Ne1 1.35/20) 14...Bf6 1.26/22
(Black should play 14...Kh8 0.89/21)



15.Bxf6!± gxf6 1.62/22 (15...Rxf6±
1.06/21 16.Nd6 Ba6) 16.Nd6+- Ra7
2.38/22 (16...Ba6± 1.43/21 17.e4
Bxe2 18.Qxe2 Qe7) 17.Nxb7+-
Rxb7 18.Bb5 1-0 Arnalds, S-
Johannesson, I Reykjavik op 19th
2000 (6)]

[12.Nxb5± 1.02/21 Ne4 13.b3]

12...Na6 13.Ng5 0.20/20

[13.Be2± 0.70/20]

13...Nc7= White must now prevent ...d4.

14.Bd3 h6 0.39/22

[14...c4= -0.01/21 15.Bc2 e5]

15.Nh3 -0.19/20

[15.Nf3± 0.39/22]

15...e5 Black has compensation. 16.f3 -0.56/21

[16.b3= -0.08/21]

16...Qd7 0.51/22

[16...c4= -0.56/21 17.Be2 Ba6]

17.e4 0.07/23

[17.b3± 0.51/22 is superior.]

17...c4 18.Be2 d4 1.40/20

[18...dxe4?! 19.Bxc4+ Kh8 20.Qxd7 Nxd7 21.fxe4± (21.Nxe4 Nb6±)]

[18...Qc6= 0.06/21 remains equal. 19.exd5 Nfxd5]

19.Bxc4+± Kh8 1.88/21

[19...Kh7± 1.19/22]

20.Nb5 1.29/21

[20.Nb1+- 1.88/21]

20...Ne6? 4.00/20

[20...Nxb5± 1.29/21 21.Bxb5 Bc6 22.Bxc6 Qxc6]

21.Nf2 Nc5 22.b3 Ba6 23.Ba3 Rfc8

24.Kh1 1.74/19

[Δ24.Bxc5 4.19/17 Bxc5 25.Nd3]

24...Nxa4+- 25.Bxe7? 0.29/18

[25.Nd3+- 1.89/22 Nc3 26.Nxe5 Nxd1 27.Nxd7 Bxb5 28.Bxb5 Rxa3 29.Raxd1]

25...Nb2= 26.Qd2 Nxc4 27.bxc4 Qxe7

28.Rfc1 Bxb5? 1.81/20

[28...Nd7!= 0.04/20 and Black has nothing to worry.]

29.Rxa8+-

[29.cxb5?! Rxa1 30.Rxa1 Qe6±]

29...Rxa8 30.cxb5 Rb8 1.99/20

[30...Ra4± 1.24/21]

31.Rb1 1.40/20

[Better is 31.Qb2+- 1.99/20]

31...Qa3 1.89/20

[31...Qc5± 1.40/20 was worth a try.]

32.Nd3 Nd7 33.h3 Qa4? 3.76/20

[33...Kh7± 1.48/21 34.Qc2 Qc3 35.Qxc3 dxc3]

34.Qc1 Rxb5? 10.09/22

[34...Kh7 3.07/19 35.Qc6 Qa3]

35.Ra1 Qb3 36.Qc8+ Kh7 37.Qxd7 Qxd3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.94

38.Qf5+

1-0

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A57

□ Grigoriantz, Sergey

2557

■ Korol, Dmitry

2287

Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Early b.. [Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Qc2 bxc4 5.e4 g6 6.Nf3 d6 7.Nc3N 0.19/23

[7.Bxc4± 0.57/22 Bg7 8.Nbd2 (8.0-0 0-0 9.Bd2 Nbd7 10.Bc3 Nb6 11.Nbd2 Re8 12.Rfe1 Bg4 13.b3 e6 14.Bb5 Rf8 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Nxf3 Nh5 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qc3+ Kg8 20.Rad1 Qe7 21.a4 Rad8 22.Rd2 Nf4 ½-½ (42) Zhang,P (2623)-Tong,Y (2510) CHN-chT 2nd Chiva 2006 (4))]

7...Bg7 8.Nd2!? -0.04/24 An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante.

[8.Bxc4± 0.44/21 0-0 9.0-0]

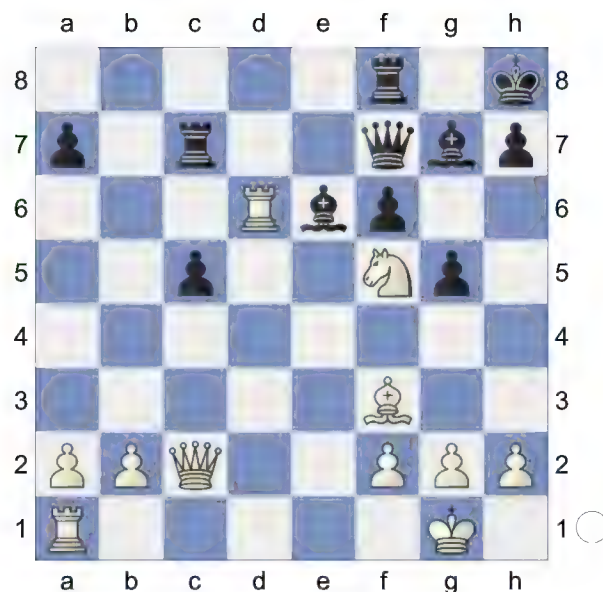
8...0-0 9.Nxc4 The position is equal.

9...Nbd7 10.Be2 Nb6 11.0-0 e6N 0.28/25

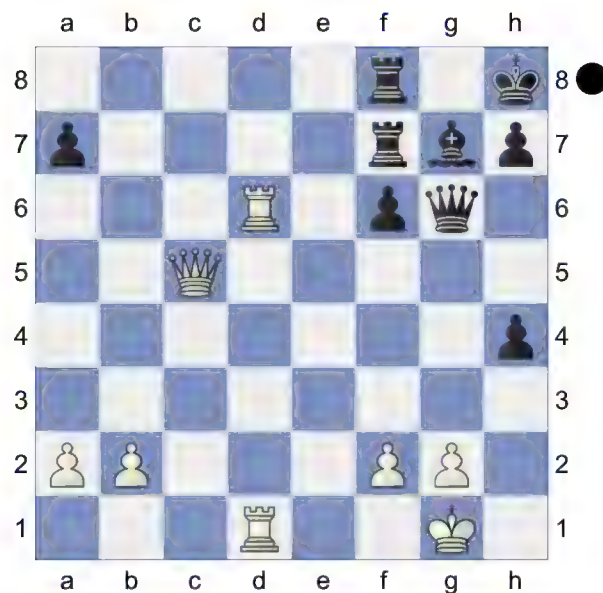
[Vorgänger: 11...Nxc4 12.Bxc4 Qb6 0.37/21 (12...Rb8= -0.15/23) 13.h3 -0.37/22 (13.a4± 0.37/21) 13...Ba6= 14.Bxa6 Qxa6 15.Rb1 Rab8 16.b3

Rfc8 17.Be3 Rb4 1-0 (64) Konow,P (1946)-Braun,G (2140) Naumburg 2010]
 [11...Nxc4 -0.10/23 feels stronger.
 12.Bxc4 Rb8]
12.dxe6= Bxe6 13.Ne3 d5 14.exd5 Nfxd5 15.Rd1 Nxe3 16.Bxe3 Qe7 17.Bf3 0.01/21
 [17.Qe4± 0.60/20]
17...Rac8 18.Ne4 -0.63/23
 [18.Rac1= 0.09/22]
18...Nc4 0.66/23
 [18...Bf5! -0.63/23 19.Re1 Nd7]
19.Bg5↑ White is more active. 19...f6 20.Bf4 g5 1.68/25
 [20...Ne5± 0.53/23]
21.Bd6 0.88/23
 [21.Nd6+- 1.68/25]
21...Nxd6± 22.Nxd6
 [22.Rxd6 f5 23.Rxe6 Qxe6 24.Nxg5 Qf6 25.Qc4+ Kh8-+]
22...Rc7 2.33/24
 [22...Rcd8± 1.05/25 was worth a try.
 23.Nf5 (23.Qxc5 f5±) 23...Bxf5 24.Qxf5 Rfe8]
23.Nf5? 0.44/23
 [White has to play 23.Re1!+- 2.33/24]
23...Qf7? 2.00/24
 [23...Bxf5± 0.44/23 24.Qxf5 Qe5 25.Qxe5 fxe5]
24.Rd6 1.18/26
 [24.Bg4+- 2.00/24]
24...Kh8 1.90/24
 [24...Bxf5± 1.18/26 25.Qxf5 Qg6 26.Qd5+ Qf7]

(Diagram)



25.Bh5?? -5.56/22 Bxf5-+
 [25...Qxh5? 26.Rxe6 Rb8 27.h3+-]
26.Qxf5 Qxh5 27.Rad1 Qg6 28.Qd5 Rcf7 29.h4 -6.97/22
 [29.Qxc5 -4.52/21 Qe4 30.h3]
29...gxh4 30.Qxc5



f5?? 5.03/21 31.Rxg6+- hxc6 32.Qc4 Rf6? 7.62/25
 [32...Bxb2 3.21/26 33.Qxh4+ Kg7]
33.Qxh4+ Kg8 34.Qc4+ Kh7 35.Rd7 Qc7! is the strong threat. 35...f4 36.Qc7 Rg8 37.Qxa7 Kh6 38.Qc5 g5 39.Qd5 Rgf8 40.g4 Qh1+ would kill now.

40...fxg3 41.Qh1+ Kg6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/
Black=0.91

42.Qe4+

[42.fxg3? loses. Rf1+ Discovered
Attack 43.Kh2 Rh8+ (43...Rxf1+?
44.Kxh1 Bxb2 45.Rd6+ Kh5
46.Kg2-+) 44.Kg2 Rhxh1-+
(44...Rfxh1? 45.Kf3-+)]

1-0

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A57

□ Vovk, Yuri

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■ Kislinsky, Alexey

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Lvov Vasylyshyn Memorial 19th (5)

[Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.e3 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.a4
Bb7 9.Ra3 d6 1.18/17

[Black should play 9...e6± 0.42/18]

10.h3N 0.65/20 Exploring less charted
territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes
Terrain.

[10.e4!± 1.18/17 axb5 (10...e6
11.dxe6 fxe6 12.e5 dxe5 13.Qxd8
Rxd8 14.Be3 Nbd7 15.bxa6 Bxa6
16.Bxa6 Rxa6 17.Ke2 A 57/65
2000) 11.Bxb5 Na6 12.0-0 Nc7
13.Bc4 Qd7 14.Bg5 e6 15.Rb3
1-0 Nisipeanu, L (1946)-Kitto, F (1200)
corr 48. DFM/V03 2016]

10...axb5!±

[Predecessor: 10...e6 1.34/19
10...axb5 0.78 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.bxa6
0.28/18 (12.Be2!± 1.34/17) 12...Nxa6
13.Ng5 -0.52/19 (Better is 13.Be2=
0.27/19) 13...Qe7!± 14.Qb3 -1.07/18
(14.Nf3!± -0.39/18) 14...d5 -0.62/19
(14...Nd5!± -1.07/18 15.e4 Nxc3
16.bxc3 d5) 15.Qb6 -1.20/21

(15.Be2± -0.62/19)

A) 15...Bc8!± -1.20/21 And now ...
Rb8 would win. 16.Bb5 (16.Bxa6
Rxa6) 16...Nh5;

B) 15...d4 -0.44/21 16.Qxe6+±
Qxe6 17.Nxe6 dxc3 18.Nxf8 cxb2
19.Bxb2 Kxf8 0-1 (32) Freeman, M-
Reid, A Ayr 1978]

11.Bxb5 Na6! 12.0-0 0.61/21

White is more active.

[12.e4± 0.99/22]

12...Nb4 1.64/20

[12...Nc7± 0.61/21]

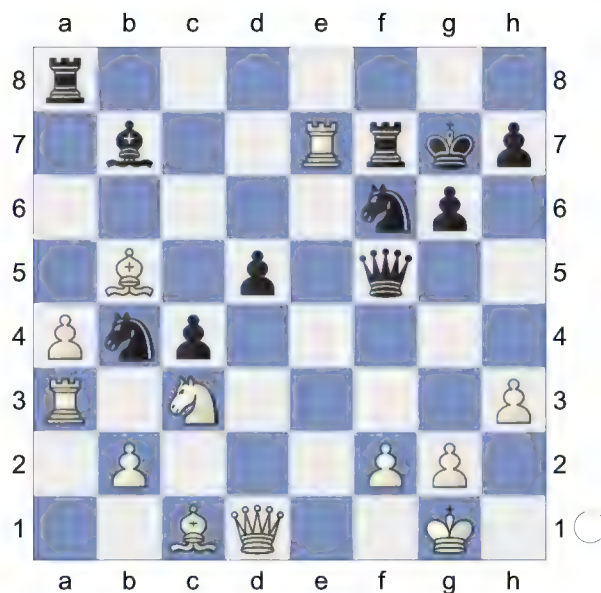
13.e4+- e6 2.84/21

[13...Ba6± 1.45/19 14.Qb3 Bxb5
15.axb5 Nd7]

14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Ng5 Qe7 16.Bc4 d5
3.61/19

[16...Bc8 2.33/18 17.e5 dxe5]

17.exd5 exd5 18.Re1 Qd7 19.Bb5
Qf5 20.Ne6 c4 21.Nxg7 Kxg7
22.Re7+ Rf7



23.Bh6+! Deflection. A strong pair of
Bishops. 23...Kg8 24.g4 Qc2 25.Rxf7
1.58/21

[25.Qxc2 Nxc2 26.Rxf7 Kxf7=]

[25.Qe1+- 3.22/19 has better winning
chances. Threatens to win with Qe6.

Nd3 26.Qe2 Qxb2 27.Qxb2 Nxb2
 28.Rxb7 Rxb7 29.Bc6]
25...Qxd1+± 26.Nxd1 Kxf7 27.Rf3!
Ke6



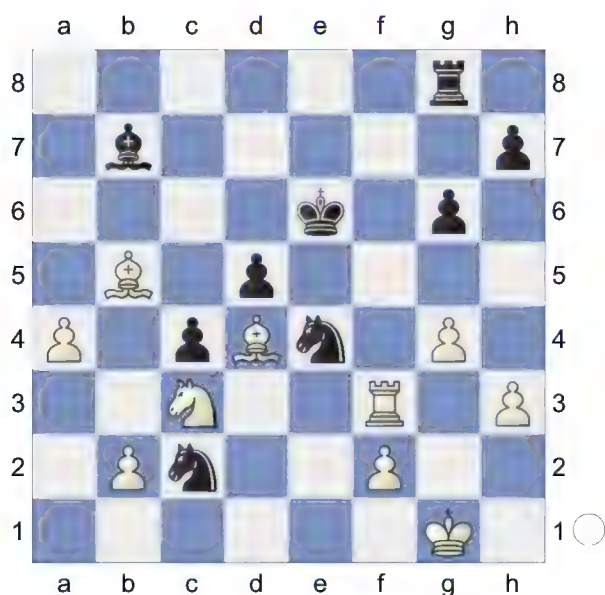
28.Bg7! Inhibits Bc6. **28...Ne4 2.61/22**
 [28...Ne8 1.67/18 is a better defense.
 29.Bc3 Nd3]

29.Nc3↑ White is on the roll. **29...Rg8?**
5.30/21

[29...Nd6 1.81/20 is a better chance.]

30.Bd4 Nc2? 7.18/21

[30...Ba6 3.25/20 31.Bxa6 Nxa6]



31.Nxe4! Nxd4 Black got outplayed after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/
 Black=0.92

32.Nc5+

1-0

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A57

□ **Dorner,Joaquin**

2540

■ **Alvarez,Roberto Gabriel**

2505

Jiri Pelikan mem-A email

1997

[Alvarez,Roberto Gabriel]

1.d4 INF 71/(63) INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez, Roberto Gabriel' **1...Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3 axb5** There are other important choices: 5..d6 or 5...e6. Alternativas importantes son 5..d6 y 5..e6 INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez,Roberto Gabriel: 'There are other important choices: 5..d6 or 5...e6. Alternativas importantes son 5..d6 y 5..e6'' There are other important choices: 5..d6 or 5...e6. INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez,Roberto Gabriel: 'There are other important choices: 5..d6 or 5...e6.'" **6.e4 Qa5+ 6...e6** is an interesting move too, but I prefered the check because I was tried to use a new improvement in the position. 6..e6 tambien es jugable, pero preferi el jaque luego de haber descubierto una interesante posibilidad.. INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez,Roberto Gabriel: '6...e6 is an interesting move too, but I prefered the check because I was tried to use a new improvement in the position. 6..e6 tambien es jugable, pero preferi el jaque luego de haber descubierto una interesante posibilidad..'6...e6 is an interesting move too, but I prefered the check because I was tried to use a new improvement in the position. INF 71/

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[7.Bd2 INF 71/(63) b4 8.Na3 e6 9.Bc4 exd5 10.exd5 d6 11.Ne2 Qc7 12.Nb5 Qb6 13.Ng3 Be7 14.Qe2 0-0 15.0-0 Re8 16.Rfe1 Bd7 17.a4 bxa3 18.Nxa3 Bf8 19.Be3 Qb7 20.Qd2 g6 21.b3 Na6 22.Bg5 Bg7 23.Nc2 Nc7 24.Bxf6 Bxf6 25.Rxa8 Qxa8 26.Ne4 Be5 27.f4 Bg7 28.Nxd6 Rxe1+ 29.Nxe1 Bd4+ 30.Kf1 Nxd5 31.Nc2 Qc6 Zvyagin,Alexander-Cookmartin,Geoff/ IECG, Cat-X (m/1917/01) 1995/ - (50)]

7...cxb4 Taking the pawn is very dangerous, because black remains undeveloped. Capturar el peon es muy malo, pues el negro pierde tiempos en el desarrollo de sus piezas. INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez,Roberto Gabriel: 'Taking the pawn is very dangerous, because black remains undeveloped. Capturar el peon es muy malo, pues el negro pierde tiempos en el desarrollo de sus piezas." Taking the pawn is very dangerous, because black remains undeveloped. INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez,Roberto Gabriel: 'Taking the pawn is very dangerous, because black remains undeveloped."

[7...Qxb4+? INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez, Roberto Gabriel' 8.Bd2

A) 8...Qa4 9.Qc1 b4 (9...Nxe4 10.fxe4 Qxe4+ 11.Be2 Na6 12.Nf3 Nb4 13.Bxb4 cxb4 14.d6 e6 15.Nbd2 Qd5 16.Qb2 Bxd6 17.Qxg7± Csiszar,C-Gyorkos,L/ Zalakaros op (07) ;EXT 95op 1995/

1-0 (57); 9...Qa7 10.Nc3 b4
11.Nb5 Qb6 12.Bxb4 Na6 13.Bc3
Nc7 14.a4 e6 15.a5 Qb7 16.Rb1
Nxb5 17.Bxb5 exd5 18.e5! d4
19.exf6 dxc3 20.Qe3+ Kd8
21.Qg5!+-) 10.Qxc5± Bellon Lopez,
JM-Matamoros Franco,C/Las
Palmas op (3) 1995/1-0 (48);

B) 8...Qd4 9.Nc3 b4 10.Nb5 Qe5
11.Qc1±]

8.Nd2 b3!?N An interesting sacrifice , with idea of attacking the white center and, through a fast piece development, try to attack the white king position. The resulting position is quite uncertain, where white needs to play exactly. Un interesante sacrificio de peón, con idea de agredir rápidamente el centro blanco, y mediante un rápido desarrollo, intentar atacar el monarca rival. La posición resultante es muy compleja y el blanco debe jugar con precisión. INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez,Roberto Gabriel: 'N!?' 'N!?' Alvarez,Roberto Gabriel: 'An interesting sacrifice , with idea of attacking the white center and, through a fast piece development, try to attack the white king position. The resulting position is quite uncertain, where white needs to play exactly. Un interesante sacrificio de peón, con idea de agredir rápidamente el centro blanco, y mediante un rápido desarrollo, intentar atacar el monarca rival. La posición resultante es muy compleja y el blanco debe jugar con precisión.' An interesting sacrifice , with idea of attacking the white center and, through a fast piece development, try to attack the white king position. The resulting position is quite uncertain, where white needs to play exactly. INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez,Roberto Gabriel: 'An interesting sacrifice , with idea of

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[8...e6 9.Nb3 Qd8 (9...Qc7
INF 71/(63) 10.Bb2 Na6 11.Rc1 Qb8
12.d6 Bb7 13.Be5 Nh5 14.Bxb5
Bc8 15.Bc6 f6 16.f4 g6 17.Bxa8
fxe5 18.Qc2 Kd8 19.Nf3 Bxd6
20.Ng5 Ke7 21.fxe5 Bxe5 22.Rf1
Nf6 23.Qf2 Qxa8 24.Nc5 Nxc5
25.Qxc5+ Bd6 26.Qd4 e5 27.Qc4
Rf8 28.Rxf6 Kxf6 29.Nxh7+ Kg7
30.Nxf8 Ba6 31.Ne6+ dxe6 32.Qc6
Qa7 33.Kd1 Be7 34.Kc2 Bg5
35.Rd1 Qf2+ 36.Kb1 Be2 37.Qc7+
Kh6 38.Qc8 Bf6 39.Rd7 Kg5
40.Qc1+ 1-0 Nadanian, A.-Borgo, G./
32nd ol, Yerevan ARM (08) 1996)
10.Bb2 exd5 11.e5 Nh5 12.Qxd5∞
Lautier,J-Shirov,A/Monaco blind (04) ;
EXP 46 1995/1-0 (54) INF 71/(63):
'Alvarez,Roberto Gabriel: ' ∞'' ∞'
Alvarez,Roberto Gabriel: 'Lautier,J-
Shirov,A/Monaco blind (04) ;EXP 46
1995/1-0 (54)'' Ra6 INF 71/(63)
13.Ne2 g6 14.g3 Be7 15.Ned4 0-0
16.Bxb5 Rb6 17.0-0 Bb7 18.Qc4
Nc6 19.Qe2 Qb8 20.Rae1 Ng7
21.Bc4 Qa8 22.Nb5 Ba6 23.Nc7
Bxc4 24.Nxa8 Bxe2 25.Nxb6 Bxf1
26.Kxf1 Rd8 27.Rd1 Nb8 28.Na5
Bc5 29.Nd5 Ne6 30.Nb7 Rc8
31.Rc1 Rc6 32.Nxc5 Rxc5 33.Rxc5
Nxc5 34.Nxb4 Lautier,Joel-Shirov,
Alexey/Monaco AMBER blind (04)
1995/1-0 (54)]

[8...e5 INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez,Roberto
Gabriel' 9.Nb3 Qb6 10.Qe2 Bd6
11.Be3 Qd8 12.Qxb5 Ba6 13.Qb6
Qxb6 14.Bxb6∞ Shipov,S-
Tzermiadianos,And/Greece 66/49

[Shipov 1996/1-0 (56)]

9.Qxb3 e6 10.Bxb5 White needs to take this pawn ,whether with bishop or queen, because if not black retainst it with better development and the best position. El blanco tiene que capturar este peon, con el alfil o con la dama, pues sino, el negro lo defendería completando su desarrollo, con posición preferible. INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez,Roberto Gabriel: 'White needs to take this pawn , whether with bishop or queen, because if not black retainst it with better development and the best position. El blanco tiene que capturar este peon, con el alfil o con la dama, pues sino, el negro lo defendería completando su desarrollo, con posición preferible."

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[10.dxe6 INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez, Roberto Gabriel' fxe6 11.Bxb5 (11.e5 Nd5 12.Bxb5 Ba6 13.Bxa6 Nxa6 $\bar{7}$) 11...Ba6 12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.Ne2 Bc5 14.a4 (14.Kf1 INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez,Roberto Gabriel' 0-0 15.Nc4 Qd8 $\equiv$) 14...Rb8 INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez,Roberto Gabriel' 15.Qd3 0-0 16.e5 Nd5 $\bar{7}$]

[10.Qxb5!? INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez, Roberto Gabriel' Qxb5 11.Bxb5 exd5 12.e5 Nh5 $\equiv$]

10...Ba6!? 7...♗b4 deserves to be tried. Otra posibilidad que merece atencion es ..♗b4. INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez,Roberto Gabriel: '!? '!? 'Alvarez,Roberto Gabriel:

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[11.Bxa6 INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez, Roberto Gabriel' Nxa6 12.Rb1 (12.dxe6 fxe6 13.Ne2 Bc5 14.a4 0-0 15.Bb2 Nb4 16.Bxf6 Rxf6 17.Qc3 d5 18.Kf1 d4 $\bar{7}$; 12.Ne2 Rb8 13.Qc3 Bb4 14.Qc2 Bc5 15.Qd3 0-0 $\bar{7}$) 12...exd5 13.exd5 INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez,Roberto Gabriel' Bb4 14.a3 Bxd2+ 15.Bxd2 Qxd5 16.Qe3+ Qe6=]

11...exd5 12.e5! INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez, Roberto Gabriel: '!' '!"

[12.exd5 INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez, Roberto Gabriel' Be7 (12...Bc5 13.a4 0-0 14.Ne2) 13.Ne2 0-0

14.a4 Rc8 15.Kd1 (15.0-0 Rxc1
16.Rbxc1 Qxd2 17.Rfd1 Qa5
18.Nd4 Bf8) 15...Bxb5 16.axb5]

[12.Bxa6 INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez,
Roberto Gabriel' Nxa6 13.e5 Nc5
14.Qe3 Nh5 (14...d4 15.Qxd4 Ne6
16.Qc4 Qxe5+ 17.Ne2 Qg5 18.g3)
15.Ne2 Ne6 16.Ra1 Bc5+]

12...Qxb5 13.Qxb5

[13.exf6 INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez,Roberto
Gabriel' Qc6!? (13...Qxb3 14.Rxb3
gxf6) 14.fxg7 Bxg7 15.Bb2 0-0
16.Bxg7 Re8+ 17.Kd1 Kxg7]

13...Bxb5 14.Rxb5 Ng8

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[16.Rxd5 INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez, Roberto Gabriel' Rxa2]

16...Bb4 17.a3 Bxa3 18.Rxd5

[18.Nc3!? INF 71/(63): 'Alvarez, Roberto Gabriel' d4 19.Nd5 (19.Nce4!? f5 20.exf6 Nxf6 21.Nxf6+ gxf6=) 19...Bxc1 20.Rxc1 Kd8 21.Rb7 (21.Ne4!?!; 21.Nc4 Nge7 22.Nf4 Nf5 23.Nd3 Ke7 24.f4 Ra2) 21...Nge7 22.Nb6 Ra7 23.Rxa7 Nxa7 24.Ra1 Nac8=]

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A) 20.f4!? 0-0 21.Nb3 f6!? 22.e6 Bd6 23.Ned4 Rfc8 24.Be3 Nxd4 25.Nxd4 Ra3 26.Kf2 Rc4;

B) 20.Bxa3 Rxa3

B1) 21.Nf4 Re3 22.Nxd5 Rxe5 23.Nxe7 (23.Nc7+ Kd7 24.Nc4 Rxb5 25.Nxb5 Rb8=) 23...Rxe7! (23...Kxe7 24.Rb7+±) 24.Rc1 Nd8! 25.Ne4 0-0 26.Rb8 Ne6 27.Rcc8 Rc7 28.Rxf8+ Nxf8 29.Kf2 f6=;

B2) 21.f4!?!;

C) 20.exd6 Bxd6 21.Ne4 Bb4 22.Be3 0-0]

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□ Tang, Andrew

■ Laurent Paoli, Pierre

A57

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Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Early ..
[Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.e3 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.a4
Bb7 9.Ra3 e6 10.dxe6 fxe6 11.Qd6
0.31/20 11.Be2 is the hot move.

11.Le2 ist der hippe Zug.

[11.Be2± 0.97/17]

11...axb5 has lost popularity (11...Qc8).
verliert an Beliebtheit (11...Dc8).

12.Bxb5 Na6N 0.97/20

[12...Ne8= 0.25/19 13.Qxc5 Bxf3
14.gxf3 Rf5 (14...Rxf3)]

[12...Ne4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.0-0 Rf5
15.Rd1 Qf6 16.Nd2 Bc2 17.Rf1
Qd8 18.Nf3 Bf8 19.Qg3 d5
Burger, K-Alburt, L 36/(102) 86676
1983 20.Qh3 Qf6 21.Ne1 Bd1 22.f3
c4 23.g4 Re5 24.Ng2 Bb3
Chen, M-Ax, P French Defence 2015]

[12...Bxf3 13.gxf3 Qc8 14.h4 Rf7
15.Rg1 c4 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.fxe4
Nc6 18.h5 Ne5 19.hxg6 hxg6
20.Ke2 Qd8 21.f4 Qh4 22.Qd2 d5
23.Kd1 Nf3 24.Qg2 Nxg1 25.Qxg1
Qh5+ 26.Kc2 Qf3 27.Kb1
0-1 (40) Markus, R (2586)-Vuckovic, B
(2527) TCh Zlatibor SCG 2006 (2)]

13.0-0± White is much more active.

13...Rf7? 2.52/19

[13...Qb8± 0.81/20 14.Rd1 Qxd6
15.Rxd6 Nc7]

14.Ng5N 1.51/17

[14.Rd1? 0.58/20 14.e4 2.24 Ng4?
4.31/18 (14...Bxf3± 0.58/20 15.gxf3
Nc7) 15.Bxd7+- Bxf3 16.gxf3 Be5
17.Qxe6 Bxh2+ 18.Kg2 Nxf2 7.67/17
(18...Ne5 4.46/19 19.Bc6

Discovered Attack Qg5+ 20.Kxh2
Nc7) 19.Kxf2+- Qh4+ 20.Ke2
1-0 (76) Shapiro, D (2284)-La Villa
Rivas, M (2202) Titled Tuesday intern
op 10th Oct Early blitz 2023 (7)]

[14.e4+- 2.52/19]

14...Re7 2.04/18

[14...Rf8± 1.51/17 15.Rd1 Nc7]

15.Rd1 Hoping for e4. 15...Qf8? 3.27/17

[15...Ne8± 1.38/16 16.Qg3 Nf6]

16.f3 1.83/15

[16.e4 3.27/17]

16...h6 2.93/18

[16...Ne8 1.83/15 17.Qb6 Bc8
18.Bxa6 Remove Defender Rxa6
19.Qxc5 Rc6]

17.Nge4+- Nxe4 3.65/18

[17...Kh7 2.45/17 is a better defense.
18.Nxc5 Nxc5]

18.Nxe4 Bxe4 19.fxe4 Rf7? 6.27/20

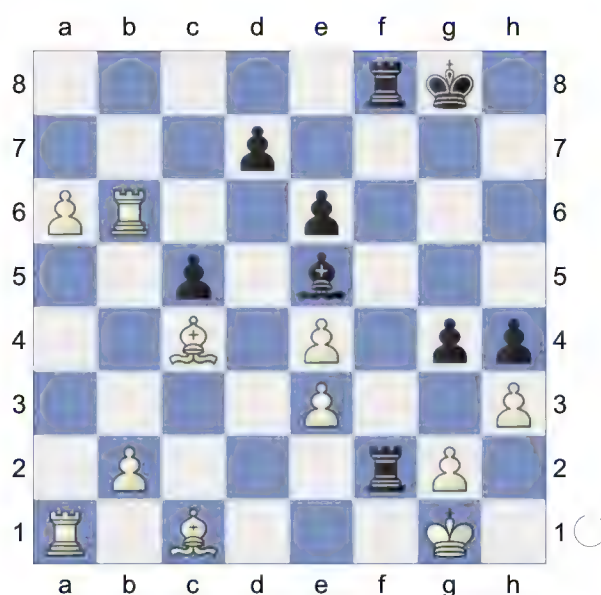
[19...Nb8 2.98/20 20.Qxc5 Nc6]

20.Bxa6 Qxd6 21.Rxd6 Be5 22.Rb6
Raf8 23.Ra1 Rf2 24.a5 h5 25.Bc4 h4

26.h3 g5 27.a6? 1.53/21

[27.Rb7+- 8.09/20]

27...g4±



28.a7? -0.01/19

[28.hxg4 h3 29.gxh3 R2f3=]

[28.Bd2!+- 2.05/19 Rxd2 29.hxg4
(29.a7 gxh3 30.gxh3 Ra8+-)]
28...gxh3!= 29.gxh3 R2f3! 30.a8Q
Rg3+! 31.Kh1



Bb8? #19/26 32.Qb7 8.15/30

[32.Rxb8 #19/26 Rxh3+ 33.Kg1
Rg3+ 34.Kh2 Rgf3 35.Ra7
(35.Rxf8+ Rxf8 36.Qa5 Rf2+
37.Kg1 Rf8+-) 35...Rf2+ 36.Kg1 h3
37.Rxd7 (37.Rxf8+ Rxf8 38.Bxe6+
Kh7 39.Qxf8 Kg6 40.Qf5+ Kh6
41.Qf6+ Kh5 42.Bf7+ Kg4 43.Qf4#)]
32...Rf2 33.Qxb8+ White mates.
33...Kh7

(Diagram)



34.Qxg3!! hxg3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/
Black=1.06

35.Kg1

1-0

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□ Kunz,Heinz

■ Hantel,Thomas

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[TA]

A58

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A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5
bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.g3 d6 8.Bg2
0-0 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.0-0 Nb6 11.e4
Bxa6 12.Re1 Nc4 0.24/21

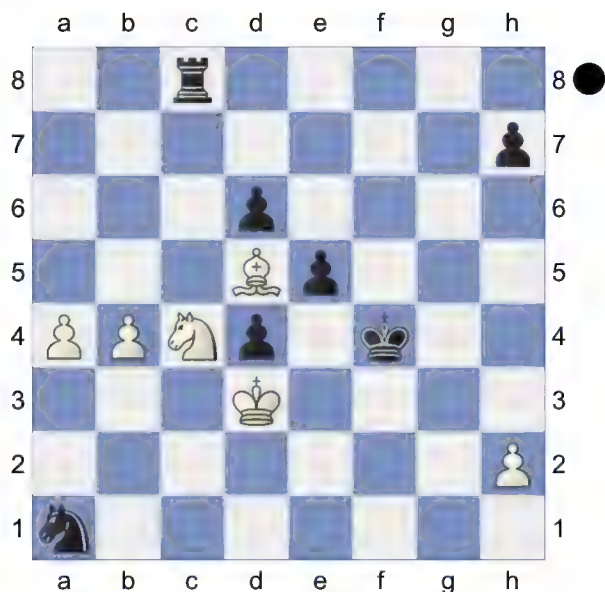
[12...Nfd7 -0.14/21]

13.Bf1= Nd7 14.Nd2 -0.06/21

[14.Bxc4± 0.31/20 Bxc4 15.Bg5]

[14.Qc2 Qa5 15.Nd2 Nde5 16.Kg2
Nxd2 17.Bxd2 Bxf1+ 18.Rxf1 Nc4
19.Rfc1 Rfb8 20.b3 Nxd2 21.Qxd2
Rb4 22.Qe3 c4 23.Rab1 Qa3
24.Rc2 Rab8 25.Ne2 h5 26.Rxc4
Qxa2 27.Rxb4 Rxb4 28.Qd3 Be5

Bc4+ 34.Nxc4 Rxc4 35.b5 $\bar{f}$]
33.Ke1 Bxd5 34.Be2 -3.10/21
 [Δ 34.Bb3 -2.10/20 Be6 35.Bxc4
 Rxc4 36.Kd2]
34...Be4 35.f3 -3.54/19
 [Δ 35.Rc1 -2.43/18 d3 36.Bxd3 Bxd3
 37.Nb2]
35...Ne3 36.fxe4? -5.86/18
 [36.Nb6 -2.22/18 Rc3 37.Kf2
 (37.fxe4? perishes. Nc2+ 38.Kd2
 Nxa1-+)]
36...Nc2+ Black is clearly winning.
37.Kd2 Nxa1 Endgame KRN-KBN
38.Bd1 f5 39.exf5 gxf5 40.Nb6 Rb8
41.Nc4 Kf7 42.g4 Kf6 43.gxf5 Kxf5
44.Bf3 Kf4 45.Bd5 e5
 [45...Nb3+ 46.Kc2 Na1+ (46...Rb5
 47.Bc6=) 47.Kb2 $\bar{f}$]
46.Kd3 Rc8 47.a4



e4+! 48.Bxe4

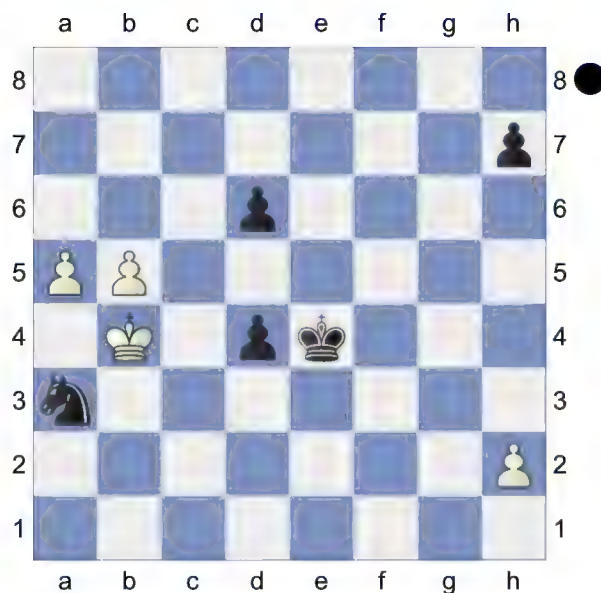
(Diagram)



Rxc4! Deflection 49.Kxc4

[49.Bxh7 Rxb4]

49...Kxe4 KN-K3P 50.a5 Nc2
White must now prevent ...d3. 51.b5
Na3+ 52.Kb4



Nxb5! 53.Kxb5 Black took control after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/
 Black=0.09 (flawless)

53...d3

0-1

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 ☐ **Harika,Dronavalli** **2528**
 ■ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2803**
 134/21 Douglas 2017
 [TA]

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5 bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.g3 d6 8.Bg2 0-0 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.0-0 Nb6 11.e4 Bxa6 12.Re1 Nc4 13.Bf1 Nd7 14.Nd2
 [14.Qc2 Qa5 15.Nd2 Nde5 16.Kg2 Nxd2 17.Bxd2 Bxf1+ 18.Rxf1 Nc4 19.Rfc1 Rfb8 20.b3 Nxd2 21.Qxd2 Rb4 22.Qe3 c4 23.Rab1 Qa3 24.Rc2 Rab8 25.Ne2 h5 26.Rxc4 Qxa2 27.Rxb4 Rxb4 28.Qd3 Be5 ½-½ (50) Nguyen,N (2625)-Grischuk, A (2779) Wch Blitz 7th 2013 (12)]

14...Nde5 The position is equal. 15.Nxc4 Nxc4 16.Bd3N -0.43/19

[White should try 16.Bxc4± **0.33/19**
 Bxc4 17.Qc2 Qb6 18.Bf4 e5 19.dxe6 fxe6 20.e5 d5 21.Ne4 Rxa2 22.Rxa2 Bxa2 23.Nf6+ Bxf6 24.exf6 d4 25.Qa4 Qb4 26.Qxb4 cxb4 27.Bd6 Rxf6 28.Be5 ½-½ Sanikidze,T (2515)-Hamitevici,V (2429) FRA-chT Top 12 2015 (9.3)]

16...Qb6 Black has compensation.
17.Rb1 -0.67/20

[17.Bxc4 -0.31/18 Bxc4 18.Qd2]

17...Rfb8! 18.Na4 -0.98/22

[18.b3 -0.37/19 Na3 19.Na4 (19.Bxa3 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Rxa3)]

18...Qb4! 19.Kg2 Ne5 Discovered Attack 20.Bd2 Qd4 Black is really pushing. Black is more active. **21.Bc2 -2.08/21**

[21.Bxa6 -0.94/23 Rxa6 22.Nc3]

21...Nd3+ 22.Re3 Threatens to win with Bc3. 22...Bh6!

[22...Nxb2 23.Nxb2 Rxb2 24.Rxb2 Qxb2 25.a4]

23.Rf3 -2.48/25

[23.f4 -1.37/20]

23...Bxd2

[23...Nxb2 24.Rxb2 Bxd2 25.Rxb8+ Rxb8 26.Rb3 Rxb3 27.axb3]

24.Qxd2 Ne5

[24...Nxb2? 25.Qxd4 cxd4 26.Nxb2+ (26.Rxb2 Bb5+)]
 [24...Qxe4? 25.Nc3 (25.Bxd3 Bxd3 26.Nxc5 Qxf3+ 27.Kxf3 Bxb1) 25...Qd4 26.Rxd3 (26.Bxd3 c4+) 26...Bxd3 27.Qxd3+ (27.Bxd3? c4+)]

25.Qxd4 cxd4 26.Rb3 Bb5 27.a3 Be2!

[27...Bxa4 28.Rxb8+ Rxb8 29.Bxa4=]

[27...Rxa4 28.Rxb5 Raa8 29.Rxb8+ Rxb8 30.b4±]

28.Rxb8+ Rxb8 29.b4 -2.72/22

[29.Ra1 -1.91/20]

29...Bf3+ 30.Kf1 Rc8! Deflection

[30...d3 31.Bd1]

31.Bd1 -2.99/24

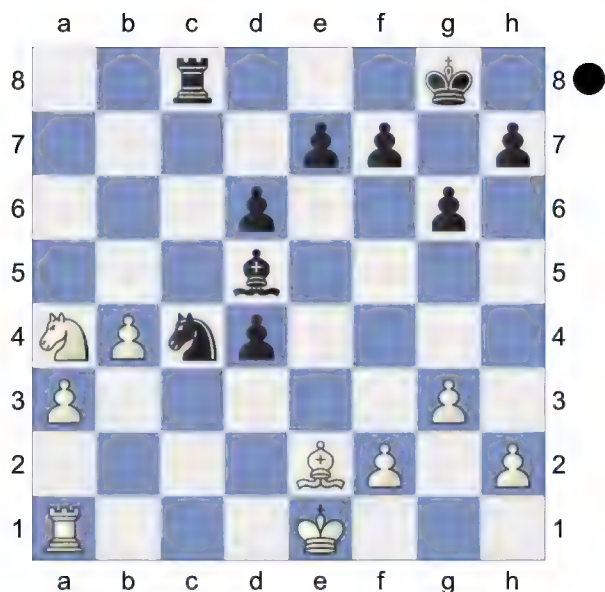
[31.Bb3 -1.97/20 was worth a try.]

31...Bxe4 32.Ra1 Nc4 Prevents Nb2

[32...Bxd5 33.Nb6 Bc4+ 34.Nxc4 Rxc4 35.b5]

33.Ke1 Bxd5 34.Be2

(Diagram)



Be4! 35.f3? -3.60/20

[35.Rc1 -1.90/17 d3 36.Bxd3 Bxd3 37.Nb2]

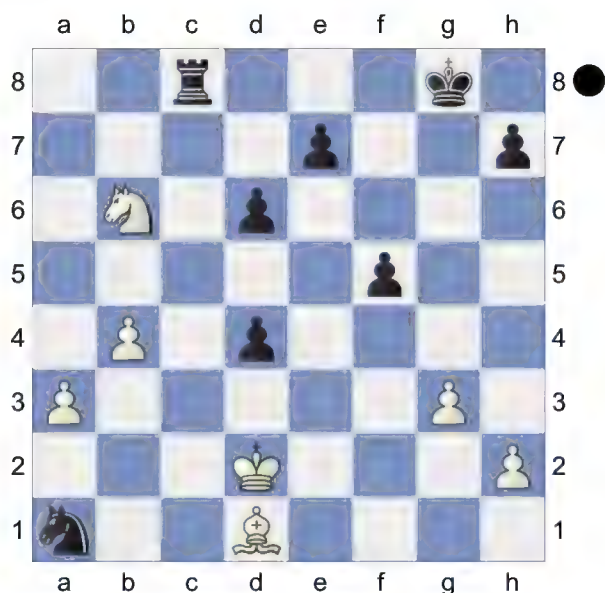
35...Ne3 36.fxe4? -5.78/18

[36.Nb6 -2.69/19 is a better chance. Rc3 37.Kf2 (37.fxe4? perishes. Nc2+ 38.Kd2 Nxa1+-)]

36...Nc2+ Black is clearly winning.

37.Kd2 Nxa1 Endgame KRN-KBN

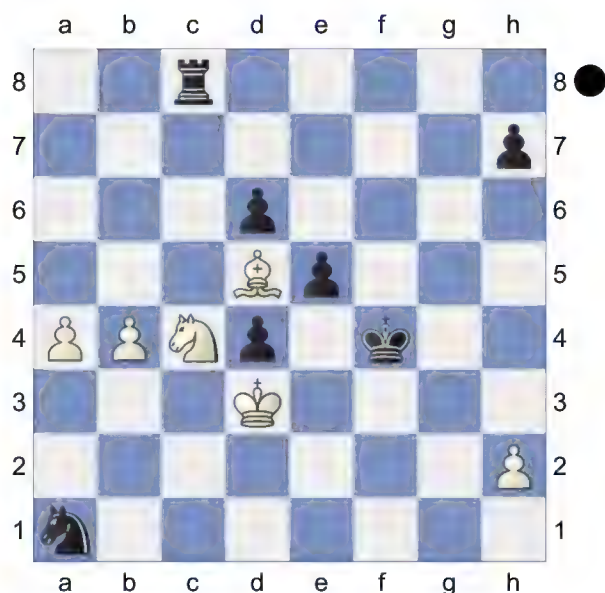
38.Bd1 f5 39.exf5 gxf5 40.Nb6



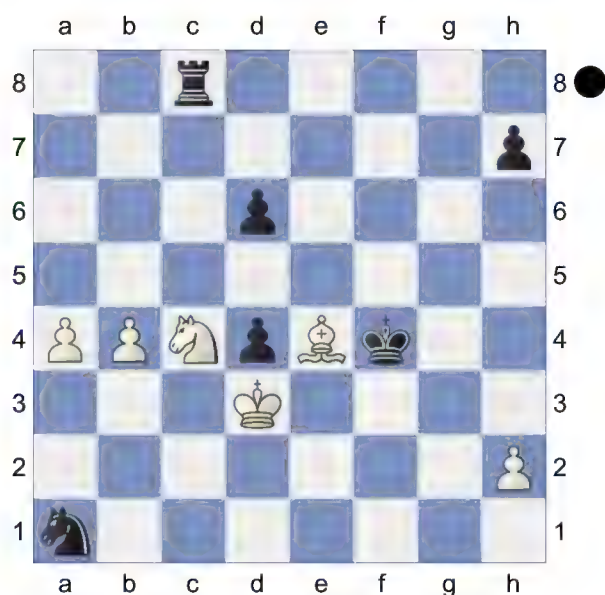
Rb8 41.Nc4 Kf7 42.g4 Kf6 43.gxf5 Kxf5 44.Bf3 Kf4 45.Bd5 e5 aiming for ...e4.

[45...Nb3+? 46.Kc2 Na1+ (46...Rb5 47.Bc6=) 47.Kb2+-]

46.Kd3 Rc8 Dodges Bc6 47.a4



e4+! 48.Bxe4

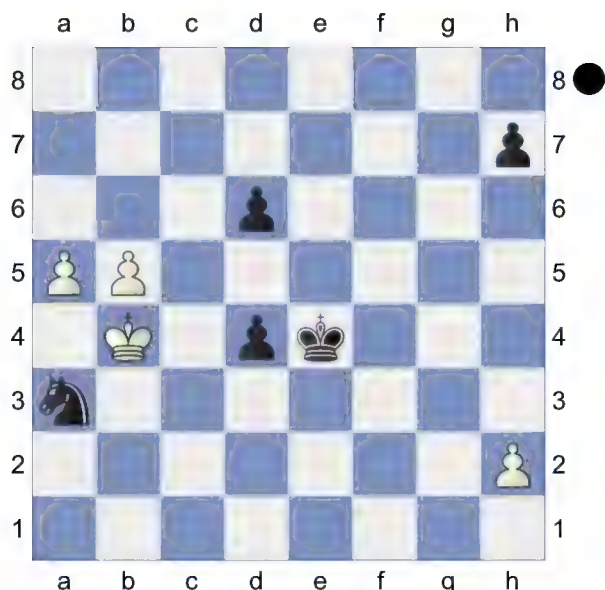


Rxc4 Deflection 49.Kxc4

[49.Bxh7 Rxb4]

49...Kxe4 KN-K3P 50.a5 Nc2 51.b5 Na3+ 52.Kb4

(Diagram)



Nxb5! 53.Kxb5

Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/
Black=0.06 (flawless)

53...d3

0-1

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□ **Johannessen, Leif Erlend**

■ **Dannevig, Oystein**

ch Royos NOR (6)

[J Tisdall, TA]

A58

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10.07.2002

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5 bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 d6 7.g3 g6 8.Bg2 Nbd7 9.Nf3 Nb6 10.b3

White is slightly better. 10...Bg7 11.Rb1 Ra7N By playing this manoeuvre before castling black avoids the possibility of white playing Re1 and e4, as in Alexandrova, O-Schuurman, P/Varna BUL 2002.

[11...0-0 12.0-0 Ra7 13.Bb2 0.37/22 (13.Qd2 Johannessen, L-Djurhuus, R/Roros NOR 2002 from two rounds later was another interesting test of

black's basic plan.; 13.Qd2± 0.77/23) 13...Qa8± 14.Nh4 0.26/21 (14.Ng5± 0.68/21) 14...Rb8 0.78/20 (14...c4!= 0.26/21) 15.a4?! 0.33/25 (15.Qd2± 0.78/20) 15...Nbd7± 16.Ba1 0.15/22 (16.Nf3± 0.57/21) 16...Rab7± 17.Nf3 Rb4 18.Qc2 0.15/21 (18.Re1!± 0.57/22) 18...Qb7 0.90/24 (18...c4= 0.15/21 remains equal.) 19.Nd2± Bh6! 20.Rbd1 -0.50/24 (20.f4± 0.66/22) 20...Bxd2 21.Qxd2 Rxb3 22.Nb5? -1.92/21 (22.Rb1= -0.23/23) 22...c4?? 1.61/23 (22...Bxb5+- -1.92/21 and all is fine. 23.axb5 Qxb5) 23.Bxf6? -1.07/24

1/2-1/2 Cebalo, M-Zueger, B SWZ-ch 1999. (23.Nd4+- 1.61/23)]

[11...Bc8 12.Nh4 h6 13.Qd3 Qd7 14.0-0 g5 15.Nf3 Qf5 16.e4 Qg6 17.Rd1 Ba6 18.Qc2 0-0 19.Bb2 Nfd7 20.Re1 Rae8 21.a4 f5 22.exf5 Qxf5 23.Qd2 g4 24.Nh4 Qxf2+ 25.Qxf2 Rxf2 26.Nd1 1-0 (45) Feller, S (2657)-Volokitin, A (2677) EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (10)]

12.0-0 Qa8 13.Nh4

[13.Bb2 0-0! and again white must declare how he intends to protect d5.]

13...0-0 14.a4

[14.Bb2 0.31/22 14.Re1 0.70 Rb8 would transpose to Cebalo-Zueger. I believe the basic problem that both Johannessen and Zueger had is that they play a4 too early, creating a target on b3. 15.Qd2!?]

14...Rb8 15.Re1 Rab7 16.Ba3? -1.63/22

[16.Qc2!± 0.54/22 stays ahead.]

16...Ng4!+- Black has strong compensation. **17.Qc2 Bd4 -0.42/21**

[17...Nc4!+- -1.71/23 18.bxc4 Bxc3]

18.e3? -2.83/26

[18.Rf1! -0.42/21]

18...Bg7? -0.01/24

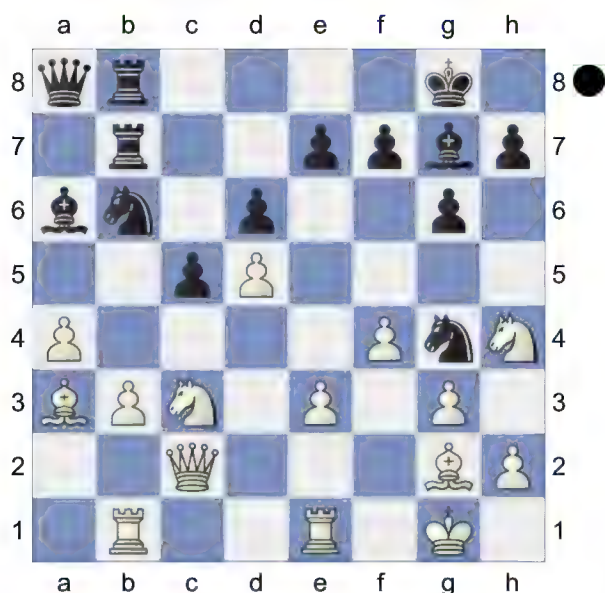
[18...Bxc3! 19.Qxc3 Nxa4! was certainly worth a look - black balances the material and retains queenside pressure, though traditionally black tends to be sceptical of ceding white an unopposed dark-squared bishop.]

[18...Bxc3!-+ -2.83/26 19.Qxc3 Nxa4]

19.f4? -2.79/25

[19.h3 -0.51/27 19.Nf3 -0.06 Bxc3!? (19...Ne5 20.Red1! and to me white seems to be getting normal control. Prevents Bd3.; 19...Ne5!? 20.Red1 Nbd7=) 20.Qxc3 Ne5 21.Ra1! Nbd7! 22.Reb1 Nc4 0.33/26 (Black should try 22...Nf6! -0.59/23 23.Rb2 Nd3) 23.Nf3± Nxa3! 24.Rxa3 Rb4! 25.Ne1± (25.Nd2!?)]

[19.Nf3= -0.01/24 and White stays safe.]



An ambitious move, hoping to roll back black without allowing him to use the e5 square. Such moves usually carry an element of risk, since they ventilate the

white king position a bit. Black reacts with a breathtaking tactic that increases the pressure. **19...Nc4!!↑ -1.67/28** Black is in control.

[19...c4! -2.79/25 20.h3 (20.b4 Nxa4) 20...cxb3 21.Rxb3 Nxe3 22.Rxe3 Nc4]

20.Bc1 -2.62/24

[20.bxc4 Bxc3 21.Rxb7 Bxe1 22.Rxb8+ (22.Rxe7? -7.28/25 22.Rxb8+ -1.54 Bf2+ 23.Kh1 Threatens to win with h3. Nxe3!) 22...Qxb8→ and what appears at first sight to have been a long sequence of undesirable exchanges for black has in fact left white with far too many weaknesses to defend.]

[20.bxc4 -1.67/28 Bxc3 21.Rxb7 Bxe1 22.Rxb8+ Qxb8 23.Nf3 Nxe3 24.Qd3 Nxg2 (24...Bxc4? 25.Qxe3 Ba5 26.Nd2+-) 25.Kxg2]

20...Na5 and this is the unconventional point - b3 buckles under. **21.h3**



Nf6

[21...Rxb3 22.Rxb3 Rxb3 23.Bd2]

22.Nb5? -3.32/23

[22.e4 -1.60/21 Nxb3 (22...Rxb3 23.Rxb3 Nxb3 24.e5) 23.Nf3]

22...Bxb5 23.axb5 Rxb5 24.Bd2 Nxb3 25.Bc3 Nxd5!? -1.78/25

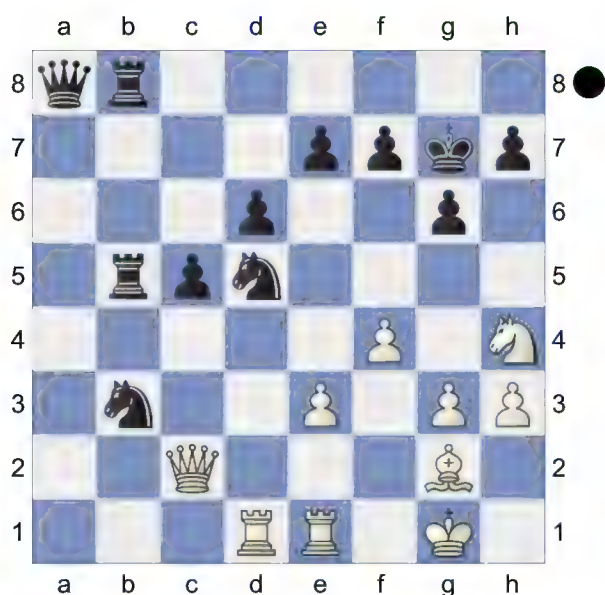
Possible, but messier than necessary.

[25...Qb7 was safe and solid.]

[$\triangle$ 25...Nd7 -3.17/21 Threatens to win with ...Bxc3. 26.Bxg7 Kxg7]

26.Bxg7+ Kxg7 27.Rbd1 -2.86/23

[27.f5 -1.72/23 is a better defense.]



27...e6? -0.41/23

[27...c4!-+ -2.86/23 28.Qxc4 e6]

28.e4?! -5.40/23

[28.f5! was the best practical chance, when white creates some weaknesses around the black king.]

[28.f5! ̄ -0.41/23]

28...Ne7 29.Rxd6? -6.24/23

[29.f5 -3.65/22 Nc6 (29...Nd4 30.f6+ Kh8 31.Rxd4 ̄) 30.Rxd6]

29...Nd4 The Rd6 is in deep trouble.

Black is clearly winning. **30.Qc4**

[30.Qc3 Qa7-+]

30...Qa5 31.Rf1 Nc8 32.Rxd4 Rb4

Skewer 33.Qc1 cxd4

[33...Rxd4? 34.f5 exf5 35.exf5-+]

34.f5 Nd6

[34...exf5 35.exf5 -6.59/19 ($\triangle$ 35.Nxf5+ -4.61/21 gxf5 36.Qg5+

Kf8 37.Qh6+ Ke8 38.Qc6+ Ke7 39.Rxf5) 35...Qe5-+]

35.Qg5?! The obvious

[35.fxe6 -6.86/22 35.Qf4 -4.87 was a better chance. Qe5! (35...fxe6? -0.14/19 35...Qe5 -6.70 36.Qf4 and white has some practical chances again.) 36.exf7 Nxf7]

35...f6 36.Qg4 exf5 37.exf5

[37.Nxf5+ Nxf5 38.exf5 d3 39.Qd1 Rd8-+]

37...d3 38.Qd1 g5

[38...gxf5? 39.Qxd3 Rd8 40.Kh2-+]

39.Nf3 Qxf5 40.Nd4

Weighted Error Value: White=1.03/ Black=0.62

40...Qc5

0-1

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□ Georgiadis,Nico

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■ Darmanin,Jake

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43rd Olympiad 2018 Open (1.3) 24.09.18 [TA]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6

5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 d6 7.e4 Bxf1

8.Kxf1 g6 9.g3 Bg7 10.Nf3 0-0

11.Kg2 Nbd7 12.a4 Qb6 13.Qc2 Rfb8

A59: Benko/Volga Gambit: White

castles by hand 14.Nb5 LiveBook: 18

Games 14...Ng4

[14...Ne8 15.Bd2 Nc7 16.Nxc7

Qxc7 17.Rab1 c4 18.b4 c3 19.Rhc1

Qc4 20.Bxc3 Rc8 21.Rb3 Rxa4

22.Qb2 Qxe4 23.Bxg7 Rxc1 24.Bh6

f6 25.Qxc1 Qxd5 26.Re3 Ra8

27.Qc7 Ne5 28.Qxe7 1-0 (28)

Riazantsev,A (2692)-Van Wely,L

(2654) Dubai 2014]

15.Bg5 Re8N White is better.

[Predecessor: 15...Qd8 16.Rab1 Nb6

17.b3 Qd7 18.h3 Ne5 19.Nxe5
Bxe5 20.Rhd1 Bg7 21.Bf4
1-0 (44) Hof,E (2415)-De Visser,A
(1993) ICCF email 2015]

16.h3 Ngf6 17.Nd2 Ra6 18.Nc4 Qb7
19.Rad1 Nb6 20.Nxb6 Rxb6 21.b3
Nd7 22.Rhe1 h6 23.Bd2 Rc8 24.Bc3
Bf8 25.Kh2 Ra6 26.Na3 Nb6 27.Rb1
Qd7 28.a5 Na8

[28...Qb7 is a better defense. 29.Qd2
Nd7]

29.Nc4+- Re8

[Δ29...Bg7 30.Bxg7 Kxg7]

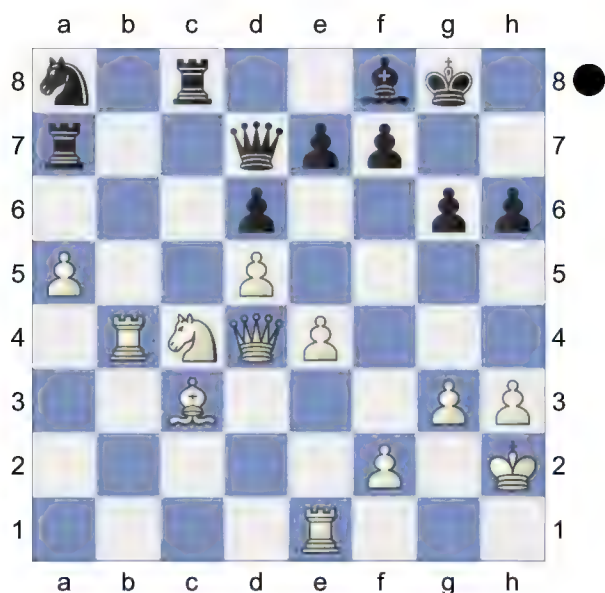
30.b4 cxb4 31.Rxb4

[Much less strong is 31.Bxb4 Rc8+-]

31...Rc8 32.Qd3 Ra7

[Δ32...Qd8 33.Qd4 f6]

33.Qd4



f6 34.Reb1 Rac7 35.Ba1 Qe8 36.a6
Rc5

[Δ36...Bg7 37.Qd3 h5]

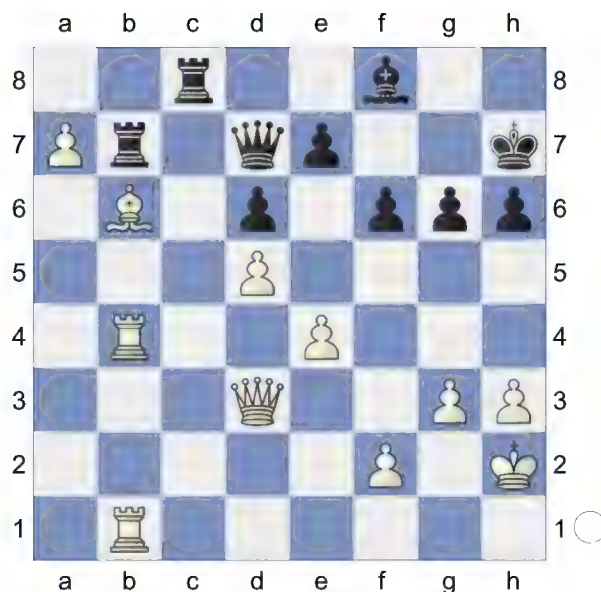
37.Qd3 Kh7 38.Bd4 R5c7 39.a7 Qd7
40.Nb6 Nxb6 41.Bxb6

[Not 41.Rxb6 Rxa7 42.g4 Bg7±]

41...Rb7?

[41...Rxa7 42.Bxa7 Qxa7]

(Diagram)



42.Qa6 Ra8 43.Be3 Rbxa7 44.Bxa7
Rxa7?

[44...Qxa7 45.Qe2 Qa6]

45.Qc6 Rc7 46.Qxd7 Rxd7

Endgame KRR-KRB 47.Rb7 Rd8

48.Rb8 Rxb8 49.Rxb8 KR-KB 49...Kg7

50.f4 Kf7 51.f5 g5

[51...gxf5+- 52.exf5 Kg7]

52.g4 Bg7 53.Kg2 Bf8 54.Kf3 Bg7

55.Ke3 Bf8 56.Kd4 Bg7 57.Kc4 Bf8

58.Kb5 Bg7 59.Kc6

[59.Kb6+- h5 60.gxh5]

59...Bf8 60.Kd7 Bg7 61.Kd8

Precision: White = 76%, Black = 25%.

1-0

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□ Kozul,Zdenko

■ Alonso Rosell,Alvar

EU-ch Blitz Skopje (13)

[Kitty Kat]

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09.12.2024

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6

5.b6 Qxb6 6.Nc3 d6 7.e4 g6 8.Nf3

Bg7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 10.0-0 scores

better than 10.Nd2.10.0-0 punkt

besser als 10.Sd2. 10...Nbd7 11.Rb1N

[11.h3 Rb8 (11...Bb7 12.Qc2 e6 13.dxe6 fxe6 14.Be3 Rac8 15.Rac1 Qc6 16.Qb3 c4 17.Qb4 a5 18.Qb5 Nxe4 19.Qxc6 Bxc6 20.Nxe4 Bxe4 21.Rxc4 Bxf3 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Bxf3 Bxb2 24.Rb1 Bg7 25.Bg4 Nf8 26.Rb5 0-1 (38) Butunoi,A (2418)-Nevednichy,V (2594) HUN-chT 0506 2005 (4)) 12.Nd2 Qc7 13.a4 Rb4 14.a5 Rd4 15.Qc2 e6 16.Nf3 exd5 17.Nb5 axb5 18.Nxd4 dxe4 19.Bf4 Ba6 20.Nxb5 Qc6 21.Bxd6 Rd8 22.Be7 Rb8 23.Nd4 Qa8 24.Bxc5 Bd3 25.Bxd3 exd3 Benko Gambit-7. e4 d6 8. ♗f3 Survey 2009 26.Qc4 Nxc5 27.Qxc5 Ne4 28.Qc4 Nd2 29.Qxd3 Nxf1 30.Kxf1 Rd8 31.Ra4 Qd5 32.a6 Bxd4 33.a7 Bxa7 34.Qxd5 Rxd5 35.Rxa7 Rb5 36.Ra2 h5 37.h4 Kg7 38.Ke2 Kf6 39.Kd3 Rd5+ 40.Kc3 Rc5+ ½-½ (57) 11.Qd3 e6 12.Bg5 Qc7 (2555)-Gerlach,F (2505) Bad Neustadt op 1990]

[11.Qc2 Rb8 12.Rb1 a5 13.Re1 Ne8 14.Bg5 f6 15.Be3 Ba6 16.b3 Nc7 17.Nd2 Bxe2 18.Rxe2 Qa6 19.Nc4 Ne5 20.Nxe5 fxe5 21.Ree1 Rb7 22.h3 Rfb8 23.Rec1 c4 24.bxc4 Qxc4 25.Rxb7 Rxb7 ½-½ (28) Ertl,L (2087)-Carron,J (1810) CCOL11 fin-02 9298 1992 (4)]

11...Qd8N

[11...a5 12.Re1 Ba6 13.Bxa6 0.20/18 (13.a4± 0.57/19) 13...Qxa6= 14.h3 0.01/18 (14.a4± 0.39/18) 14...Ne8 0.64/19 (14...Rfb8= 0.01/18) 15.Bf4 0.25/18 (15.Bg5± 0.64/19) 15...Qc4 0.73/20 (15...Rb8= 0.25/18) 16.Qd2 a4 0.94/18 (16...Nef6± 0.53/19 feels stronger.) 17.e5± a3 1.56/20 (17...dxe5 0.75/19 18.Re4 Qxe4 19.Nxe4 exf4 20.Qxf4 Nef6)

18.b3± Qb4 1-0 (79) Loiacono,L (2301)-Timmermans,M (2392) Titled Tuesday intern op 02nd May Late blitz 2023 (2)]

12.b3 Ne8 13.Qc2 White is slightly better. 13...Nc7 14.Bg5 Nb6 1.22/18

[14...Rb8± 0.48/17]

15.Nd2 0.46/17

[15.b4!± 1.22/18]

15...f5 1.07/17

[15...f6± 0.46/17 16.Be3 f5]

16.f3 0.21/18

[16.b4± 1.07/17 cxb4 17.Rxb4]

16...h6 0.72/17

[16...Bd7= 0.21/18]

17.Bh4 0.20/16

[17.Be3± 0.72/17]

17...f4 1.32/18

[17...Bd7= 0.20/16]

18.Rfd1 0.09/18

[18.b4!± 1.32/18]

18...Nd7 1.03/18

[18...Bd7!= 0.09/18]

19.a4 0.35/21

[19.b4!± 1.03/18]

19...Ne5 20.Nc4 Rb8 1.08/19

[20...a5± 0.44/17]

21.Na2 0.68/20

[White should try 21.Be1± 1.08/19]

21...g5 1.04/19

[21...Nxc4± 0.68/20 22.Bxc4 g5]

22.Be1 0.60/17

[22.Nxe5± 1.04/19 Hoping for Nc6. Bxe5 23.Bf2]

22...Ne8? 2.49/18

[22...Nxc4± 0.60/17 23.bxc4 Bd4+ 24.Kh1 Rxb1 25.Rxb1 e5]

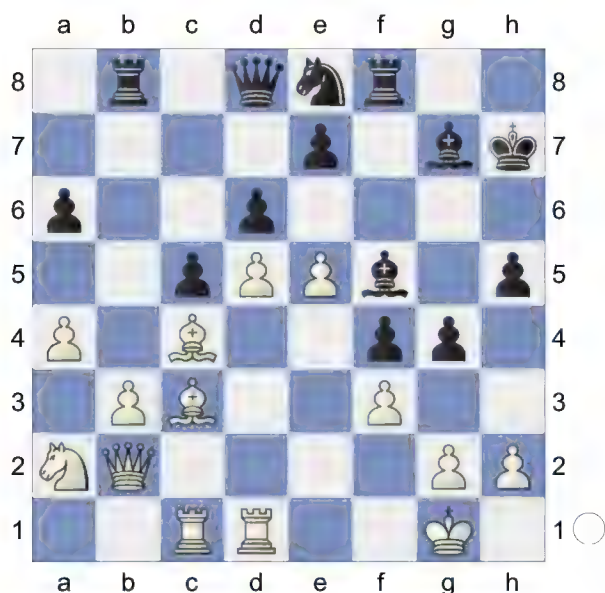
23.Bc3? 0.90/17

[23.b4+- 2.49/18 has better winning chances.]

23...h5? 3.06/19

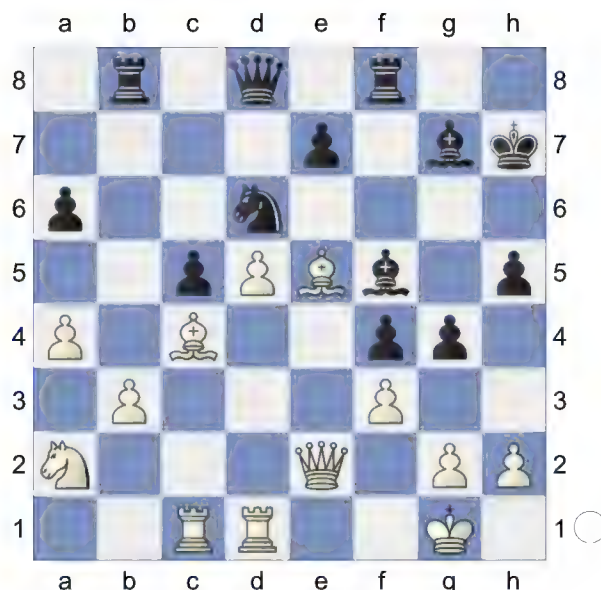
[23...Nxc4± 0.90/17 24.Bxc4 (24.bxc4 Bd7±) 24...Bxc3 25.Nxc3

Ng7]
24.Qb2? 0.96/18
 [24.Bxe5+- 3.06/19 Bxe5 25.Nxe5
 dxe5 26.Qxc5]
24...Nxc4± 25.Bxc4 g4 26.e5 -0.01/19
 [26.Rf1!± 1.44/16]
26...Bf5 0.74/18
 [26...dxe5!= -0.01/19 27.Bxe5 Nd6
 28.Bxg7 Rf7 (28...Nxc4 29.Qc3=)]
27.Rbc1 Kh7



28.Qe2 0.03/20
 [28.Rf1!± 0.87/17]
28...dxe5= 29.Bxe5
 [But not 29.fxg4 Bxg4 30.Qd3+
 Bf5±]
29...Nd6 0.88/19
 [29...gxf3= 0.00/22 remains equal.
 30.gxf3 Bxe5 31.Qxe5 Qd6]

(Diagram)



30.Nc3 -0.19/23
 [30.Bxf4 Bg6 31.Bg3 Bd4+ 32.Rxd4
 gxf3 (32...cxd4 33.fxg4 hxc4
 34.Qxg4±) 33.gxf3 cxd4±]
 [30.Bxg7!± 0.88/19 Kxg7 31.Qe5+
 (31.Bxa6 Rxb3 32.Rc3 Rxc3=)
 31...Rf6 32.fxg4 (32.Qxf4 gxf3
 33.Qxf3 Bg4= Pin) 32...Bxg4
 33.Re1]
30...gxf3 Deflection 31.Qxf3 -6.99/22
 [31.gxf3= 0.01/23 Bxe5 32.Qxe5]
31...Bxe5+- Black is clearly winning.
32.Qxh5+ Kg8 33.Re1 Bd4+ 34.Kh1
Rf7 What a bad dream for White.
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.97/
 Black=0.66
35.Ne2
0-1

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□ Quintiliano Pinto, Renato Rodrigues

■ Garzon Zapatanga, C

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Cusco zt 2.4 (6)

31.01.2025

[Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

49/87 Hertneck, Gerald: 'Fedorowicz,

John: 'Fedorowicz,J: '49/87 ''' Inf 36/ (102) 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.e3 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.a4 Bb7 9.Ra3 9.e4 might become the main line.9.e4 könnte zur Hauptfortsetzung werden. 9...e6

[9...axb5 10.Bxb5 e6 11.dxe6 fxe6 12.Qd6 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Qc8 14.0-0 Ne8 15.Qg3 Nc6 16.Ne4 Ne5 17.f4 Nf7 18.Ng5 d5 19.e4 Ned6 20.exd5 exd5 21.Qd3 Nxc5 22.fxc5 Bd4 23.Kg2 Qg4+ 24.Qg3 0-1 (55) Petursson,M (2555)-Fedorowicz,J (2560) Reykjavik 1990]

10.d6

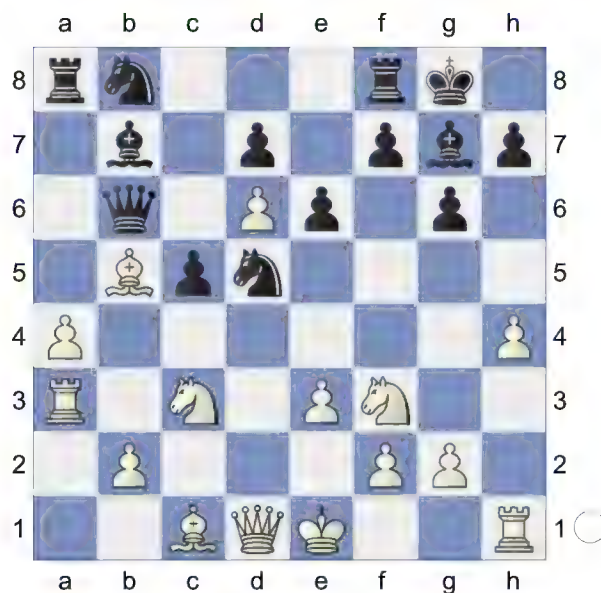
[10.Bc4 axb5 11.axb5 Rxa3 12.bxa3 exd5 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Bxd5 Bxd5 15.Qxd5 Qa5+ 16.Nd2 Qxb5 17.Nc4 Qc6 18.Qxc6 Nxc6 19.Ke2 d5 20.Nb6 Rd8 21.Rd1 d4 22.exd4 Nxd4+ 23.Kf1 h5 24.a4 Rb8 1-0 (43) Kardoeus,D (2167) - Berberich, C (1952) Heusenstamm Schloss op 2022 (3)]

10...Nd5 11.h4N

[11.Ne4 0.22/22 11.Be2 0.77 axb5 12.Bxb5 (12.Nxc5 b4 13.Rd3 Bc6 A 57/68 2000) 12...Qb6 0.88/19 (12...Bc6± 0.35/20) 13.Nfd2!± Rc8 1.04/18 (13...f5± 0.46/19) 14.Nc4± Qd8 15.0-0 Na6 2.10/18 (15...Nb4± 1.05/20) 16.Ned2 aiming for e4. Nab4 17.e4 Nf4? 3.57/17 (17...Nb6 1.77/18) 18.Nf3+- e5? 6.16/20 (18...Nxc3 2.81/19 19.Kxc3 Bxe4) 19.Ncxe5 Bxe5 8.48/19 (19...Ne6 4.68/16 20.Bxd7 Bxe4 21.Bxe6 fxe6) 20.Nxe5+- Qg5 21.Bxf4 Qxf4 22.Nxd7 Rd8 23.Rf3 1-0 Andersen,M (2597)-Jaksland,T (2185) Helsingor Xtracon op 2018 (2)]

11...axb5 White is slightly better.
12.Bxb5 Qb6 1.18/19

[Black should try 12...f5± 0.42/19]



13.0-0 0.55/17

[13.h5!± 1.18/19]

13...f5 1.31/17

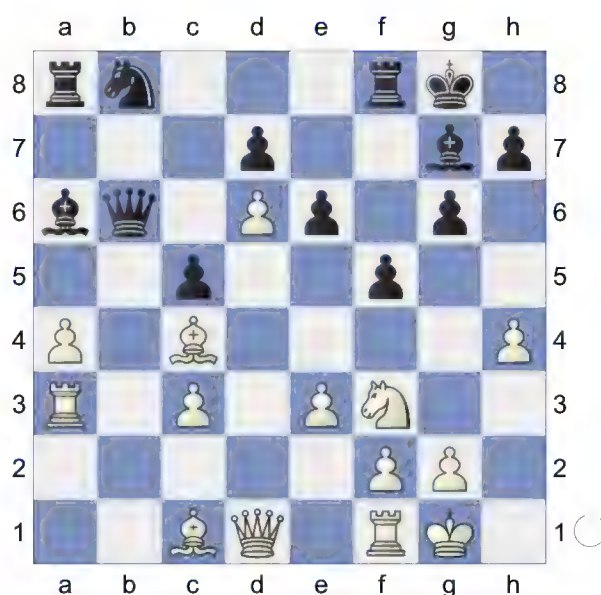
[13...Nc6± 0.55/17]

14.Bc4 0.36/18

[14.h5± 1.31/17]

14...Nxc3± 15.bxc3 Ba6 1.50/20

[15...Qd8± 0.43/18]



16.Rb3!± Qa5 1.44/21

[16...Qa7 0.98/19 17.Bb5 c4]

17.Bb5 White is more active. 17...c4
18.Rb4 Nc6 Wards off Nd4 19.Bxc6
[19.Rxc4 Bxb5 20.axb5 Qxb5=]

19...dxc6 20.Nd4 1.00/20

[Better is 20.Ng5 1.39/19]

20...Qd5 And now ...c5! would win.

21.Rb6↑ White is on the roll. 21...Qxd6

22.Rxc6 0.86/19

[22.Nxc6 Qc7 23.a5 Bb7+]

[♠22.Qe2 1.33/18]

Black cannot hold the game after this.

22...Qd7? 3.21/20

[22...Qd5± 0.86/19 is a better defense. 23.Rb6 (23.Rxe6 Bxd4=) 23...Bb7]

23.Ba3+- Rfe8 24.Rd6 1.74/21

[♠24.Rb6 3.05/20]

24...Qf7 25.Nf3 Bxc3? 6.20/18

[25...Qc7 1.73/20 26.Nd4 Qf7]

26.Ng5 White is clearly winning. 26...Qf6 8.31/21

[♠26...Qc7 5.20/19 27.Nxe6 Qa5]



27.Rxa6! Rxa6

[27...h6 28.Rxa8]

Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/
Black=1.02

28.Qd7!

1-0

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□ Demuth,Adrien

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■ Giri,Anish

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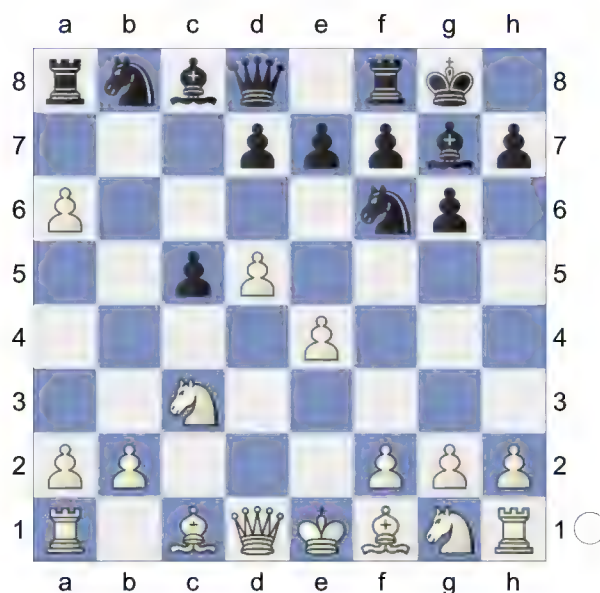
A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5 bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6

5.bxa6 g6 0.86/20

[5...e6± 0.47/21 should be considered.]

6.Nc3± Bg7! 7.e4 And now e5 would win. 7...0-0



8.a7! White is better. 8...Rxa7 9.Nf3

e6! 10.Be2 exd5 11.exd5 d6 12.0-0

Na6 13.Nd2 0.36/19

[13.Bb5± 0.74/17]

13...Re8 14.Bb5 Bg4 1.46/18

[Better is 14...Ree7± 0.39/18 15.Nc4

Nc7 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bh4 Nxb5

18.Nxb5 Rad7 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.a4

Ba6 21.Qd2 Re4 22.Qc2 Qe7

23.Rad1 Bd4 24.b3 Bxb5 25.axb5

Rg4 26.g3 Qg5 27.Qd3 Rf4 28.b6
h5 29.Qd2 Be5 1-0 (33) Wirsching,A
(2620)-Kanli,A (2488) Analyse 1996]

15.f3 0.70/18

[White should play 15.Qb3!± 1.46/18]

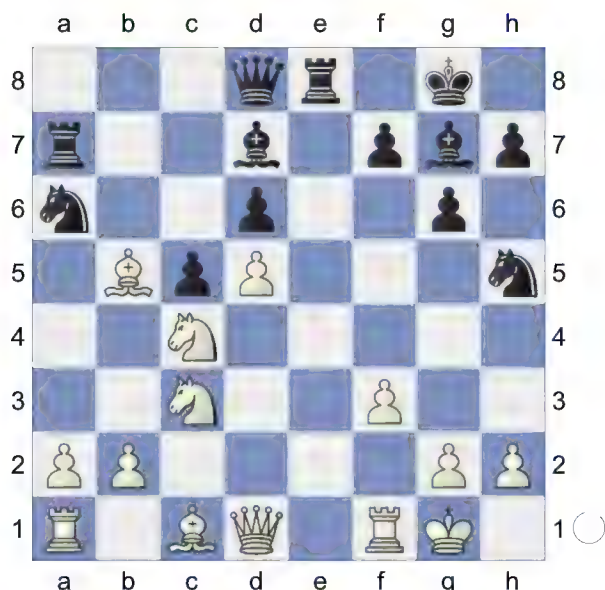
15...Bd7± 16.Nc4? -1.11/20

[16.Bxd7± 1.04/20 Nxd7 17.Nb5]



16...Nh5N 1.16/21

[16...Nxd5!± -1.11/20 and life is
bright. 17.Qxd5 Nc7]



This move loses the game for White.

17.g4? -2.36/23

[17.Nxd6 Bd4+ 18.Kh1 Qh4+-]

[17.Bxd7!± 1.16/21 is forced if you
want to stay better. Bd4+ 18.Kh1
Rxd7 19.g3]

17...Bxc3+- 18.Bxd7 Bd4+ 19.Qxd4?
-4.16/24

[19.Kh1 -2.13/23 only move. Qxd7
20.gxh5]

19...cxd4 20.Bxe8 Qxe8 21.gxh5 Nb4
Discovered Attack

[21...Qb5 22.Nxd6 Qxd5 23.Ne4=]

22.Bf4? -7.67/21

[22.Bh6 -3.87/21 Nc2 (22...Rxa2?
too greedy. 23.Nxd6 Qe7
24.Rae1+-; 22...Nxd5? 23.Rad1+-;
22...Qb5? 23.Nxd6 Qa6 24.Rac1+-)
23.Nxd6]

22...Nxd5

[22...Rxa2 23.Rxa2 Nxa2
24.Nxd6±]

23.Nxd6 Qd7 24.Bg3 Ra6 25.Ne4
Rc6 Against Nc5

[Less strong is 25...gxh5 26.Nc5 Qa7
27.Nxa6±]

26.Be5 f5 27.Nf2 Ne3 28.Rfc1 Qd5
(-> ...Qxf3!) 29.Rxc6

Weighted Error Value: White=1.24/
Black=0.47

29...Qxf3

0-1

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A58

□ Gholami Orimi,Mahdi

2509

■ Korchmar,Vasiliy

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Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5
bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 g6 0.86/23

[5...e6± 0.43/22]
6.Nc3± Bg7 7.Nf3 0.38/21
 [7.a7± 0.87/21 Rxa7 8.e4]
7...0-0 0.87/20
 [7...Bxa6± 0.38/21 deserves
 consideration. 8.e4 Qa5]
8.e4 White is better. 8.g3 is vanishing.
 8.g3 scheint zu verschwinden. **8...Qa5**
9.Bd2 Qb4N 1.47/17

[9...Bxa6± 0.40/18

A) 10.Be2 d6 11.0-0 Nbd7
 (11...Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Qa6 13.Qd1
 Nbd7 14.Qc2 Rfb8 15.a4 Rb4
 16.Rfe1 Ng4 17.Ra3 Rab8
 18.Nd1 Bxb2 19.Bxb4 cxb4
 20.Rb3 Bg7 21.h3 Nge5 22.Nxe5
 Bxe5 23.Qc6 Qa7 24.Qc4 Nc5
 ½-½ Kolb, T (2342)-Burian, S (2186)
 Staufer op 35th 2025 (2)) 12.Re1
 Rfb8 13.Qc2 Bxe2 14.Rxe2 Ng4
 15.b3 Qa6 16.Rb1 Nge5 17.Nxe5
 Nxe5 18.a4 Qd3 19.Be3 Rb4
 20.Rd2 Qxc2 21.Rxc2 Nd3 22.Kf1
 c4 23.Ke2 Rxb3 24.Bd2 Bxc3
 0-1 (26) Orlov, V (2407)-6.Bc4 Bf5 7.
 Ne2 Nd7 (2651) corr(25.DFM/V3)
 1993 (7.1);

B) 10.Bxa6 Qxa6 11.Qe2 e6
 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.Be3 Qc6 14.Ne5
 Qc7 15.Nd3 c4 16.Nf4 Qe5
 17.Qxc4 Ng4 18.Nd3 Qh5 19.Qc5
 d5 20.exd5 Na6 21.Qd6 Nxe3
 22.fxe3 Qh4+ 23.g3 Qc4 24.Rd1
 Bxc3+ 25.bxc3 Qxc3+ ½-½ (31)
 Palo, D (2550)-Skytte, R (2416)
 Aarhus Chess House 2014 (5.3)]

10.Qc2 0.73/18

[10.a7 1.47/17]

10...d6 1.20/17

[Δ10...Bxa6 0.73/18 11.Bxa6 Nxa6]

11.Bd3N

[11.Be2 0.75/19 11.a7 1.24 Bxa6
 12.Bxa6 0.44/19 (12.a3± 0.89/20

Qb7 13.0-0) 12...Nxa6± 13.0-0! Rfb8
 14.b3 -0.14/20 (14.Rab1± 0.46/17
 Qb6 15.a3 Qb3 16.Qxb3 Rxb3
 17.Bg5 h6 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Nd2
 Rb7 20.Nc4 Nb8 Chapter-Benko
 Accepted E4 Benko Course: Chapter
 1 - Benko Accepte 2023) 14...Nd7
 0.46/19 (14...c4= -0.14/20) 15.Rab1
 -0.26/20 (15.Na4!± 0.46/19 Qb5
 16.Nc3) 15...Qa3!= 16.Bc1 -0.68/21
 (16.Na4= -0.01/19) 16...Qb4 0.72/18
 (16...Qa5± -0.68/21 keeps the upper
 hand. 17.Ne2 Nb4) 17.Bd2 -0.01/25
 ½-½ (61) Colonetti, F (2129)-Murthy, P
 (1821) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th
 Feb Late blitz 2024 (6) (17.Ne2!±
 0.72/18)]

11...Bxa6 3.10/20

[11...c4± 0.85/20 12.Be2 Nxa6]



12.Nb5!+- Deflection 12...Qxb5
13.Bxb5 Bxb5 14.Bc3 1.73/17

[Δ14.a4 3.01/19]

14...Na6? 3.64/17

[14...Ra4 1.73/17 keeps fighting.
 15.Nd2 Na6]

15.Nd2? 0.48/18

[15.a4+- 3.64/17]

15...Nb4± 16.Bxb4 cxb4 17.Rc1
-0.37/23

[Better is 17.a4± 0.39/23]

17...Ng4 0.01/19

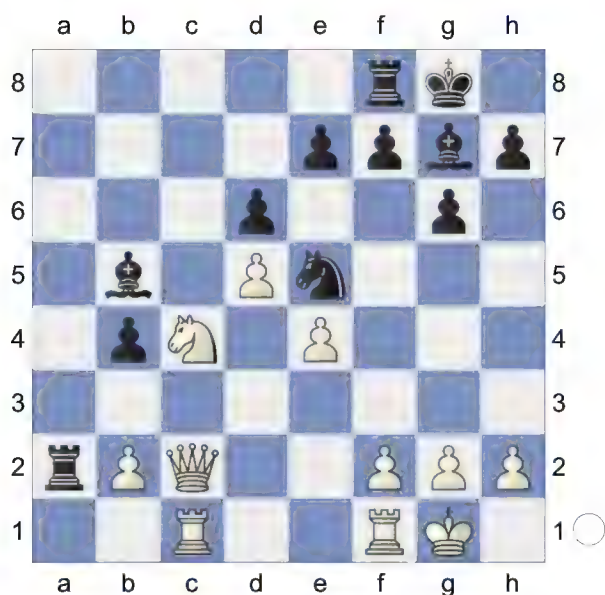
[17...Nd7!± -0.37/23 18.Qb1 Ne5]

18.Nc4!= Rxa2? 1.78/25

[18...Rfc8= -0.01/22 and Black has nothing to worry. 19.Qe2 Rxc4 20.Rxc4 Ne5 Pin]

19.0-0+- Ne5? 3.09/25

[19...h5± 1.36/23 20.Qb3 Bxc4 21.Qxc4 (21.Rxc4 Rxb2 22.Qa4 Bc3±) 21...Rxb2]



20.Nxe5! 0.29/21 Bxe5= 21.Rfd1

[21.Rb1!±]

21...Rxb2 22.Qc7 Strongly threatening Rb1!. 22...b3 23.Qxe7 Be2 A strong pair of Bishops. 24.Re1 -0.40/26

[24.Qb7= -0.01/24]

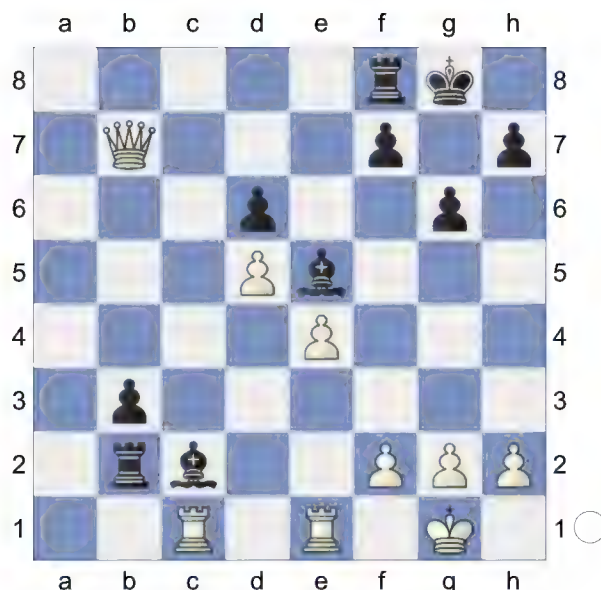
24...Bd3 0.01/20

[24...Ra2!± -0.40/26 25.Rb1 Bc4]

25.Qb7 Bc2 0.79/25

[25...Bd4= -0.01/26]

(Diagram)



26.Re3 -0.59/26

[26.g3!± 0.79/25]

26...Bf4± 27.Qb4? -3.11/26 Bxe3+-

28.fxe3 Ra2 29.h4

[29.Qxd6? b2 (29...Bxe4? 30.Qe5+-) 30.Re1 Ra1+- (30...b1R? 31.Rxb1 Bxb1 32.Qb4+-; 30...Bxe4? 31.Qe5+-)]

29...h5? -0.01/23

[29...Re8+- -2.98/24 30.h5 Bxe4 Discovered Attack (30...Rxe4 31.Qxd6 b2 32.Rf1±) 31.Qxb3 Rxb2+ 32.Kf1 gxf5]

30.e5? -2.60/26

[30.Kh2!= -0.01/23]

30...dxe5? -0.01/22

[30...b2+- -2.60/26 31.Re1 dxe5 (31...Ra1 32.Qxb2 Rxe1+ 33.Kf2±)]

31.d6? -1.78/26

[31.Qc4= -0.01/22]

31...Rd8? 0.01/25

[31...b2+- -1.78/26 32.Rf1 b1Q (32...b1B? 33.Qc3±) 33.Rxb1 Bxb1 34.Qxb1 Rd2]

32.Qb6 Raa8↑ Black has good play.

33.Rf1! Rab8 (-> ...Bd3!) 34.Qc7 Rf8 7.35/25

[34...Bf5= -0.01/19 35.Rxf5 (35.e4

Be6=) 35...gxf5]
35.d7? 0.01/24
 [35.Rxf7!+- 7.35/25 White wants to
 mate with Rg7+. Rxf7 36.Qxb8+ Rf8
 37.Qb5]
35...Bf5= 36.e4
 [36.Qxe5? b2 (36...Bxd7 37.Kh2 $\mp$)
 37.e4 b1Q+- (37...b1B? 38.exf5
 Bxf5 39.Rxf5+-)]
36...Bxe4 7.63/26
 [36...Be6= 0.01/23]
37.Qxe5? -0.01/25
 [37.Rxf7!+- 7.63/26 Rbd8 38.Rxf8+
 Rxf8 39.d8Q (39.d8B b2+-)
 39...Rxd8 40.Qxd8+ Kf7 41.Qc7+
 Ke6 42.Qb6+ Kd7 43.Qxb3]
37...Bc2 and ...b2 would now be decisive.
 Chess con chili. **38.Qb2?** -3.81/23
 [38.Re1= 0.01/23 and White is okay.
 Ra8 39.Re3]
38...Bf5? 0.01/25
 [38...Rfd8+- -3.81/23 39.Rf2 Rb7
 (39...Rxd7 40.Rxc2 bxc2 41.Qxb8+
 Kh7 42.Qf4=)]
39.Rd1 -6.30/26
 [39.Rxf5= 0.01/25 gxf5 40.Qf6]
39...Be6? -0.05/28
 [39...Rfd8+- -6.30/26 40.Rd2 Rxd7
 (40...Bxd7 41.Rd6 $\mp$)]
40.Rd3 -0.82/26
 [40.Rd6= -0.05/28 keeps the
 balance.]
40...Rfd8 $\mp$ 41.Rd2 -7.72/24
 [41.g4 $\mp$ -0.96/21]
41...Rxd7+- 42.Re2 Rc7 43.Rf2 Rcc8
44.Qe5 Rd8 45.Kh2 Re8 46.Rb2
Red8? 0.01/22
 [Black should try 46...Rb4+- -7.43/23
 47.Qf6 Reb8]
47.Qf6? -7.30/23
 [47.Rf2= 0.01/22 Rb4 48.Qf6]
47...Re8? 0.01/20
 [47...Rd7+- -7.30/23 48.Qc3 Rd1]

48.Rf2? -7.26/21
 [48.Qe5= 0.01/20 Kh7 49.Qf6]
48...Rb4 49.Rb2 Reb8 50.Qe5 R4b5
51.Qf6 Rb4? 0.01/21
 [51...Kh7+- -7.95/23 52.Kg1 Rf5]
52.Kg1? -7.70/21
 [52.Qe5= 0.01/21 Rxh4+ 53.Kg1]
52...R4b6 53.Kh2 Bd5 54.Qe5 Be6
 0.01/18
 [54...Bc4+- -6.22/21 55.Kg1 Be6]
55.Rf2? -18.26/26
 [55.Qf6= 0.01/18 Rb4]
55...b2 56.Rxb2 Rxb2 57.Qe4 R2b4
58.Qe1 Rb2? 0.01/26
 [58...Kh7+- -18.67/27 59.Qg3 R8b5]
59.Qg3? -19.18/28
 [59.Qe4= 0.01/26 R8b5 60.Kg3]
59...Bd5 60.Qe5 Rxcg2+ Black mates.
61.Kh1 Rb1+ 62.Qe1 Black used his
 chance.
 Weighted Error Value: White=1.43/
 Black=1.37
62...Rxe1#
 0-1

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 □ **Samadov,Read** **2497**
 ■ **Tregubov,Pavel V** **2554**
 Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid (1)
 [Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit
 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
 5.e3 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 **7.a4!** now scores
 much better than the old 7.Nf3.
 punktet besser als das ältere 7.Sf3.
 7...0-0 8.e4 e6 9.e5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5
 exd5 White is slightly better. 11.Qxd5
 Ra7 12.Qxc5 0.46/18
 [12.Nf3 $\pm$ 0.95/21]
12...Rc7 $\pm$ 13.Qa3 Bxe5N
 [13...d5 14.Nf3 Nd7 15.Bd3 axb5

16.Bxb5 Nxe5 17.0-0 Bf5 18.Nd4 Nc4 19.Bxc4 Bxd4 20.Bd3 Qf6 21.Bxf5 Qxf5 22.Bh6 Rb8 23.Rad1 Rc4 24.a5 Bxb2 25.Qd6 Be5 26.Qxd5 Bxh2+ 27.Kxh2 Rh4+ 28.Kg1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (151) Igel3 (3512)-Scorpionn3 (3483) TCEC 21 Premier 2021 (32.2) Rxh6 29.a6 Qxd5 30.Rxd5 Ra8 31.Ra1 Ra7 32.Rb5 g5 33.Rxg5+ Kf8 34.Rga5 Kg7 35.R1a2 Re7 36.f3 Ra7 37.Kf2 Re6 38.Kg3 h6 39.Kf2 Kh7 40.R2a3 Kg7 41.Kg3 Rg6+ 42.Kh3 Rf6 43.Ra2 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (151) Mende,I (3512)-Stolz,P (3483) 28th Carlos Torre Mem 2016 (32.2)]

14.Nf3 Bg7 15.Bd3 Re8+ 16.Be3 0.33/19

[16.Kd1± 0.73/18]

16...Bb7! 17.bxa6N -0.01/20

[Vorgänger: 17.b6 Rc8 18.0-0 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Qh4! ...Bf8 is the strong threat. 20.Kg2 -0.01/16 (20.Rfc1± 0.54/19) 20...Bf8!= 21.Qb3 Bd6 22.Rh1 Qd5 is the strong threat. Bc5! 23.Rhe1 Bxe3 24.Rxe3 Rxe3 25.fxe3 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ Braun,T (1884)-Egner,M (1990) W-Cup21 WS15 email 2015]

[White should play 17.b6± 0.63/20 Rc8 18.0-0]

17...Nxa6=

[17...Bf8 seems wilder. 18.Qb3 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Qh4]

18.0-0± White puts up resistance

18...Bxf3 19.gxf3

[19.Bxa6 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Qa8+ 21.Kg1 Qxa6-+]

19...Nc5 Decoy 20.Rfd1

[20.Bxc5 Qg5+ 21.Kh1 Rxc5+]

White leaves nothing to chance now.

20...Qf6? 2.08/19 21.Bf1!+- A strong pair of Bishops.

[21.Bxc5 Qg5+ 22.Kh1 Rxc5=]

21...Ne6? 3.48/19

[21...Rb8± 1.49/19]

22.a5 Ng5? 4.07/19

[22...Bf8 2.41/17 23.Qd3 (23.b4 Ng5±) 23...Qxb2]

23.Qd6 Nxf3+ 24.Kh1 Qxd6 25.Rxd6 Bxb2 26.Rad1 Ne5 27.a6

[27.Rb6 Bc3±]

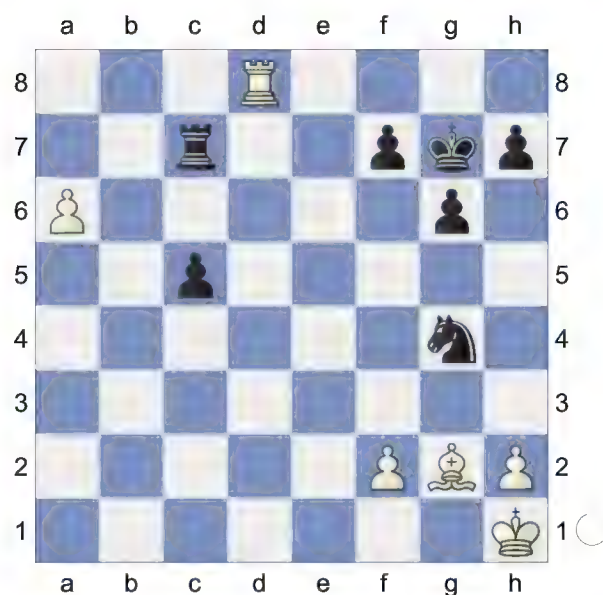
27...Ba3 28.R6d5 d6 29.Bg2 1.90/22

[Δ29.Ra1 4.57/20 Bb2 30.Ra2]

29...Ng4? 5.10/23

[29...Nc4 1.90/22 is more resistant.]

30.Bd4! Bc5 31.Bxc5 dxc5 32.Rd8 Rxd8 33.Rxd8+ Kg7



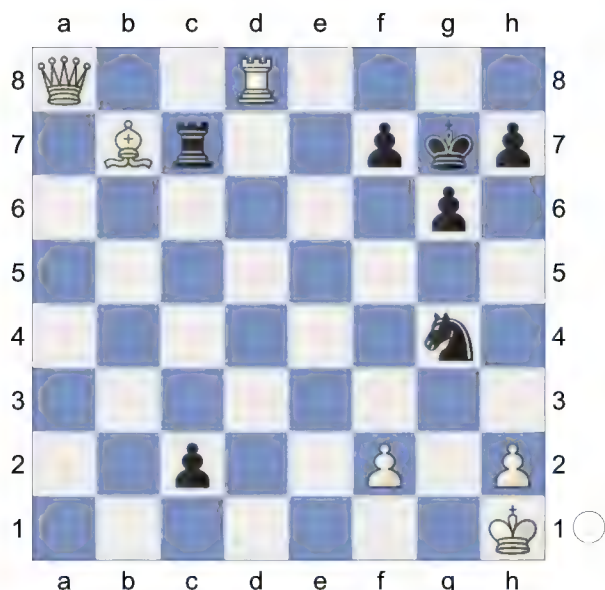
34.Bb7! White is clearly winning. 34...c4

35.a7 c3 36.a8Q

[36.a8B? too greedy.c2 (36...Nxf2+? 37.Kg2-+) 37.Kg2 c1Q-+ (37...c1B 38.Rc8+)]

36...c2

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.73

37.Qa1+!

1-0

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□ **Khademalsharieh, Sarasadat** **2489**

■ **Kashlinskaya, Alina** **2474**

Tbilisi FIDE GP (Women) (7) 22.08.2024

[Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

Despite the fact that most of the time the initiative is short-lived, certain openings give rise to longer-term advantages, thanks to the presence of static factors, such as superior piece activity or a better pawn structure. A good example of this is the Benko or Volga Gambit. The Volga Gambit was its original name (after the longest river in Europe that runs through Russia), but due to the work of the Hungarian Grandmaster Pal Benko with the opening, his name stuck in English-speaking countries. I hope that the next game demonstrates what I mean about

the longer-term initiative. ~ L. Kaufman - P. Benko ~ US Open, Aspen 1968 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.e3 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.bxa6** Recently **7.a4** got a lot of attention. **7.a4** erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. **7...0-0 8.Nf3 d6 9.h3** **N -0.25/24**

[**9.a4± 0.48/20**]

[**9.e4 Nbd7** (**9...Qa5 10.Nd2 Bxa6 11.Bxa6 Qxa6 12.Qe2 Nfd7 13.Nc4 f5 14.f3 fxe4 15.fxe4 Nb6 16.Nxb6 Qxb6 17.Rf1 Nd7 18.Rxf8+ Rxf8 19.Be3 Rb8 20.Nd1 Ne5 21.Kf1 Qb4 22.Bd2 Rf8+ 23.Kg1 Qd4+ 24.Be3** (46) **7) The Initiative-The Long Term Initiative Chess Strategy Move by Move 2022**) **10.h3 Bxa6 11.Bxa6 Rxa6 12.0-0 Qa8 13.Re1 e6 14.dxe6 fxe6 15.Ng5 Re8 16.f4 Nh5 17.e5 Ng3 18.Nb5 1-0** **lc4 (2431)-6. ♖c6 dc6 7.d3 ♔e7 (2409) Game No. 17 (13)**]

[**9.Be2 Bxa6 10.Bxa6 Nxa6 11.0-0 Qa5 12.a3 Nc7 13.Qd3 Rfb8 14.Rb1 Qa6 15.Qxa6 Rxa6 16.e4 Nd7 17.Bd2 Nb5 18.Rfc1 Nd4 19.Nxd4 Bxd4 20.Kf1 Ne5 21.Be3 Bxe3 22.fxe3 Nc4 23.Nd1 Nd2+ 1/2-1/2 (37) Capolongo, J (1759)-Kaplan, I (1766) Nassau-ch 2009 (10)**]

9...Qa5=

[**Vorgänger: 9...Nbd7 0.41/23 9...Qa5 -0.15 10.Be2 Bxa6 11.0-0 0.14/21** (**11.Bxa6± 0.53/22 Rxa6 12.0-0**) **11...Qa5 12.e4 Rfb8 13.Re1 Ne8 14.Qc2 Bxe2 15.Rxe2 Nc7 16.Bd2 Nb5 17.Nxb5 (17.a4!? Nd4 18.Nxd4 cxd4 19.Nb5=)** **17...Qxb5 1-0 Gomez, J (2520)-Yee, S (2243) Manila PSC Cup 2013 (3)**]

10.a7 Nbd7 White should prevent ... Ne4! 11.Bd2 Qxa7 12.Be2 Ba6 13.0-0 Qb7 14.Bxa6 Rxa6 15.e4

-0.30/21

[Δ 15.Bc1 0.21/21]

15...Qxb2 16.Qe2

[16.Rb1!? Qa3 $\square$ 17.Rb3 $\pm$]

16...Qb7 17.e5 -0.76/22

[17.Rfb1= -0.02/21 remains equal.
Qa8 18.a4]

17...dxe5 $\mp$

[17...Nxd5? 18.Nxd5 Nxe5
19.Nxe7+ Qxe7 20.Qxa6+-]

18.Rab1 -0.99/20

[18.Nxe5 $\mp$ -0.52/21 was preferable.
Nxe5 (18...Nxd5 19.Nxd7 Qxd7
20.Qxa6 $\pm$) 19.Rab1]



18...Rb6 -0.44/20

[18...Qa8! $\mp$ -0.99/20 ...Nb6 is the
strong threat. 19.Nxe5 Nxe5
(19...Nxd5 20.Nxd7 Nxc3
21.Bxc3 $\pm$) 20.Qxe5 Rd8]

19.Rxb6! $\mp$ Nxb6 20.Rb1 Qc7

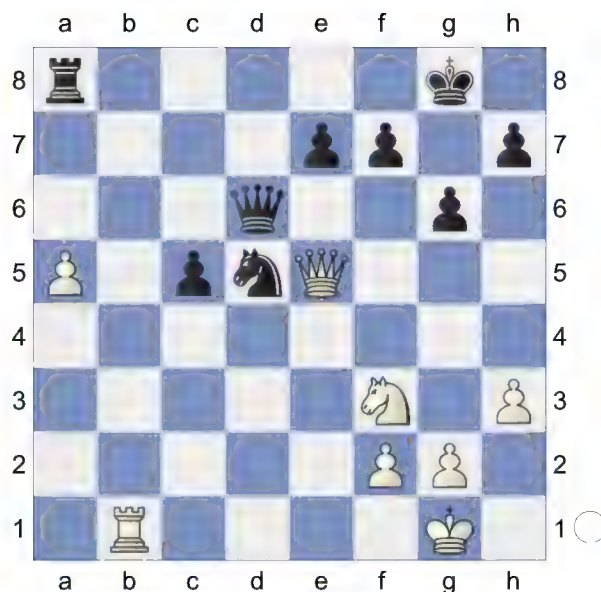
[20...Nfxd5? 21.Nxd5 (21.Nxe5
Qa8 $\mp$) 21...Qxd5 22.Rxb6+-]

21.a4 Nfxd5 22.Qe4 Nxc3 -0.39/19

[22...Nb4 $\mp$ -0.78/22]

23.Bxc3 Qd6 24.a5 Nd5 25.Bxe5
Bxe5 26.Qxe5 Ra8

(Diagram)



27.Rd1 Qxe5 28.Nxe5 Endgame KRN-
KRN. Black is a pawn up. 28...Nb4
29.Nc4 Nc6 -0.07/24

[29...Kf8 $\mp$ -0.63/26]

30.Rb1= Nb4

[Don't play 30...Nxa5?! 31.Ra1 $\pm$]

31.Rd1! Kg7 32.h4 Kf6 33.g3 -0.94/22

[33.g4 $\mp$ -0.45/22]

33...Ra7 $\mp$ 34.Kg2 -1.07/24

[34.g4 $\mp$ -0.68/24]

34...Ke6 35.Rd8 -1.29/22

[Δ 35.g4 -0.73/23]

35...Nc6 -0.52/22

[Black should play 35...h5 $\mp$ -1.29/22

36.Kf3 Ra6 (36...Nc6 37.Rc8 $\mp$)]

36.Rc8! $\mp$ Ra6 37.Rc7 Kd5

[37...f6!?]

38.Nb6+ Kd6 39.Rd7+ Ke6 40.Rc7
Nxa5 41.Rxc5 Rxb6 -0.06/20

[41...Nb7 $\mp$ -0.47/24 42.Rb5 Nd6]

42.Rxa5 KR-KR. Black is a pawn up.
The position is equal. 42...f5 43.Ra8

Kf6 44.Rh8 Kg7 45.Re8 Rb7 46.Kf3

Ra7 47.Kg2 Kh6 48.Kf3 Kh5 49.Kf4

Ra4+ 50.Kf3 Re4 51.Rh8 Kh6 52.Rg8

e5 53.Re8 Re1 54.Re7 e4+ 55.Kg2!

Re2 56.g4 Intending g5+ and mate.

56...fxg4 57.Kg3 Re1 58.Kxg4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)

58...Rf1

1/2-1/2

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□ Mikhalevski, Victor

■ Vinter Schou, Uffe

Wch Seniors 50 32nd (3)

[Kitty Kat]

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A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.e3 axb5 6.Bxb5 Qa5+ 7.Nc3 Bb7
8.Bd2 Qb6 9.Bc4 e6 10.e4 Nxe4
11.Nf3 has lost popularity (11.Nxe4).
verliert an Beliebtheit (11.Sxe4).

[11.Nxe4 exd5 12.Bb3 dxe4]

11...Nd6 0.72/20

[11...Nxc3!= -0.01/18 12.Bxc3 exd5
13.Bxd5 Bxd5 14.Qxd5 Qe6+
15.Qxe6+ fxe6]

[11...Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Re1 Nf6
14.Bb3 Na6 15.Ne5 exd5 16.Nxd7
Nxd7 17.Rxe7 Nf6 18.Bg5 d4
19.Rxb7 Qxb7 20.Bxf6 gxf6
21.Qg4+ Kh8 22.Qf5 Nb4 23.Ne4
Rg8 24.g3 Benko Gambit-5.e3 ♖b7/ 8.
♙d2 ♚b6 453 Survey 2009]

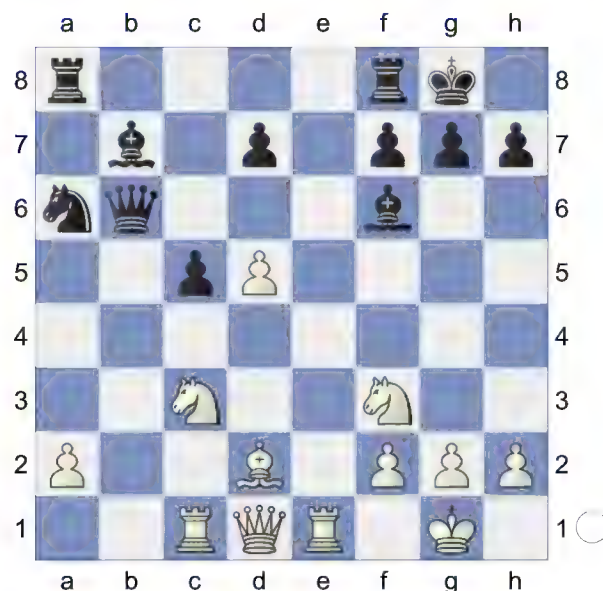
12.b3N

[12.Bb3 c4 13.Bc2 Na6 14.0-0 Nb4
15.Be3 Qa5 16.dxe6 fxe6 17.Bb1
Be7 18.Bd4 0-0 19.Ne5 Rf5 20.Bxf5
Nxf5 21.Nxc4 Qc7 22.Ne5 Nxd4
23.Qxd4 Bd6 24.Nf3 Bc5 25.Qg4
Rf8 26.Rad1 Rf6 0-1 (40) Praszak, M
(2230)-Jerabek, P (2275) CSR-chT
9091 1990 (3.7)]

12...Be7 13.0-0 0-0 White is slightly
better. 14.Re1 Ba6N

[14...Bf6 1.08/20 14...Qd8 0.29
15.Rc1 Nxc4 16.bxc4 exd5 17.cxd5

Rb1 would now be deadly. Na6
1.63/20 (17...d6± 0.89/22)



18.Rb1!+- Nb4 19.Na4 Rxa4
20.Qxa4 Bxd5 1-0 (42) Karttunen, M
(2245)-Porrasmaa, T (2100) Jyvaskyla
We JyS op 1998 (4)]

15.Bxa6 0.19/20

[15.Ne5± 0.56/19]

15...Nxa6= 16.Ne5 -0.07/17

[16.Bf4± 0.47/19]

16...Qb7 17.Bf4 Rad8 0.48/19

[17...Nf5= -0.22/21]

18.Qd2 0.01/21

[18.Rc1± 0.48/19]

18...Nf5 19.Nc4 Bf6 20.Be5 -0.36/21

[20.Rad1= 0.24/21]

20...Bxe5 21.Nxe5 Nb4 22.d6
-0.50/20

[22.Nf3= -0.07/21 is superior.]

22...Nd4 0.28/22

[22...f6 23.Nd3 Rc8]

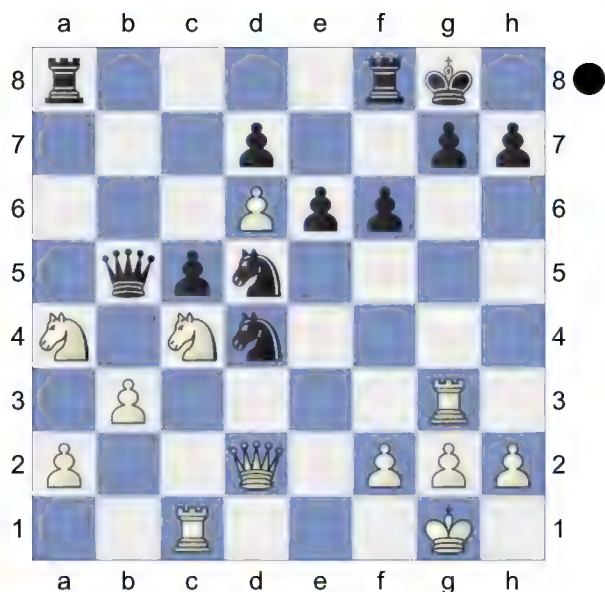
23.Rac1= f6 24.Nc4 -0.69/19

[24.Nd3= 0.22/20 Nxd3 25.Qxd3]

24...Ra8 25.Na4 Qb5 26.Re3 Nd5
Inhibits Ncb6. 27.Rg3 -1.19/18

[White should try 27.Rd3 27... -0.49/20]

(Diagram)



27...Qb4 -0.36/19

[27...Qc6! -1.19/18 Strongly threatening ...Nf4!. 28.Kh1 Nf5]

28.Qd1 -0.88/18

[28.Rd3 -0.36/19]

28...Rfc8 -0.15/19

[28...Nf4 -0.88/18 29.Re3 Qb7]

29.h4 Rc6 0.01/18

[29...Kh8 -0.37/19]

30.Kh2 -0.61/19

[30.h5= 0.01/18]

Black cannot hold the game after this.

30...f5? 3.16/19

[30...Qb8 -0.61/19 stays ahead.]

31.Ne5!+- Rxd6? 10.96/23

[31...Nf6 2.63/19 32.Rc4 (32.Nxc6 Nxc6 33.Kg1 Qxh4+-) 32...Qb8 33.Nxc5 (33.Nxc6 Nxc6 34.Nxc5 Ne5+-) 33...Rxc5 34.Rxc5 Qxd6]

32.Nxc5 4.53/21

[32.Qh5 10.96/23 White wants to mate with Qf7+. Kh8 33.Qh6 (33.Nxc5 Nf6+-; 33.Nf7+ Kg8+-) 33...Nf3+ 34.gxf3 (34.Rxf3? too greedy. gxh6 35.Nf7+ Kg8+-)]

32...Nf6 33.Rc4 Qb6 7.17/21

[33...Qa3 4.12/19 34.Nexd7 (34.Rxd4 Qxc5 35.Rxd6 Qxe5±)

34...e5]

34.Nexd7 White is clearly winning.

[Weaker is 34.Rxd4 Qxc5 35.Rxd6 Qxe5+-]

34...Nxd7 35.Rxd4 Rxd4 36.Qxd4 g6

37.Qxd7 Qxc5 38.Qxe6+ KQR-KQR.

White is two pawns up. **38...Kg7**

39.Qd7+ Kh6 40.Qd2+ Kg7 41.Rd3

Qc7+ 42.g3 Ra7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/

Black=0.78

43.a4

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A57

□ Ludwig,Daniel

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■ Ramirez,Alejandro

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UTD Invitational A (7)

27.11.2009

[TA]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

Piskov,Yury; Glek,Igor: 'Piskov,Y; Glek,

I: 'Inf 39/(102)" 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5

b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3!? Diagram



This is one of White's sharp reactions to the Benko/Volga Gambit. **5...e6**

[An important alternative is 5...axb5

6.e4 Qa5+]
6.e4 exd5 Also here Black may deviate.
7.e5 Qe7 8.Qe2 Ng8 9.Nc3 Bb7
10.Nh3 Diagram



It may not look like it- but in fact this is a known theoretical position from the 1980s, with almost two hundred games played. In the majority of cases Black tried 10...c4, as in the stem game Yrjola-Henden, WchT U26 Chicago 1983.

10...Qd8 0.69/18

[Black should try 10...c4!= -0.01/18]

11.Nf4±

[Curious is 11.Bg5 -0.01/17
 11.Nf4 0.78 Be7! 12.Bd2 d6 13.e6
 -0.01/18 as in Browne-Manion,
 Philadelphia 1993 (13.Nf4!± 0.40/20
 might be stronger. dxe5 14.bxa6)]

11...d4 1.79/19

[More often Black played 11...Ne7!
 , after which White has a large choice
 12.Kf2 (12.a4 g6 13.bxa6 Nxa6
 14.Nb5 Nf5 15.Bd2 Nc7 16.Qf2 Bc6
 17.g4 Nxb5 18.Bxb5 Nd4 19.0-0
 Be7 20.Be3 Nb3 21.Rad1 d4
 22.Qc2 Na5 23.Bd2 Qb6 24.Bxa5
 Rxa5 25.Bc4 Bxa4 26.b3 Bc6
 ½-½ (84) Neuman,P (2469)-Stopa,J

(2521) 23rd Donau Open 2014 (4.2))
 12...c4 13.Be3 Nf5 14.Nfxd5 Bxd5
 15.Nxd5 Nxe3 16.Qxe3 axb5
 17.Nf6+ gxf6 18.exf6+ Be7 19.fxe7
 Qc7 20.b3 d5 21.a4 Nc6 22.Be2
 d4 23.Qe4 f5 24.Qe6 d3 25.axb5
 Qb6+ 26.Qe3 Qxe3+ 1-0 (48) Quick,
 G (2560)-Hartmann,G (2495) FIDE
 GP Tashkent 2012]
 [11...Ne7± 0.52/17]

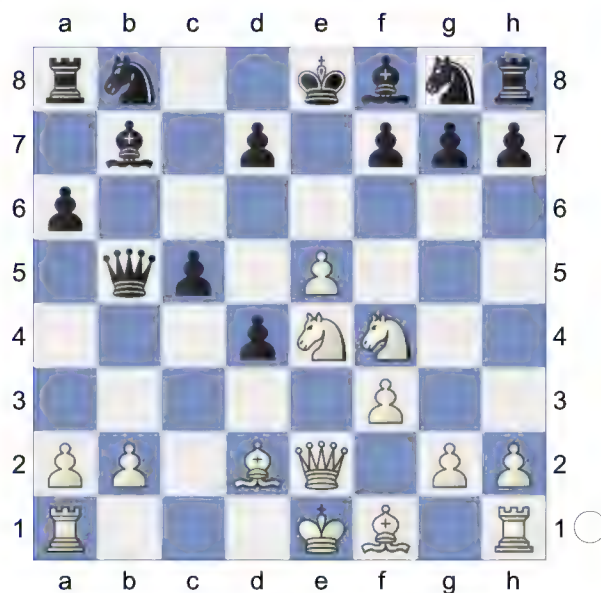
12.Ne4N

[12.bxa6 Bxa6 13.Qe4 Nc6 14.Bxa6
 Rxa6 15.Ncd5 Nge7 16.0-0 Nxd5
 17.Nxd5 Be7 18.Qg4 Nxe5 19.Qxg7
 Ng6 20.Qh6 Rd6 21.Qh5 0-0
 22.Nxe7+ Nxe7 23.Qxc5 Piskov,Y-
 Kishnev,S USSR 39/(102) 1985]

12...Qa5+ 2.00/20

[12...Qb6± 1.43/19 13.b4 (13.Nd6+
 Bxd6 14.exd6+ Kf8±) 13...Qxb5]

13.Bd2 White is clearly better. **13...Qxb5**
 Diagram



14.Qf2N

[This is not an improvement over
 14.Qxb5!? 1.18/18 14.Nd6+ 1.70
 axb5 15.Bxb5 (as White played in
 email games) where Black has some
 problems in the ending: Bxe4 2.18/18

(15...Bc6± 1.20/20) 16.fxe4+- Nc6
 17.e6!? 0.84/18 (or 17.Nd3
 with better chances; 17.Nd3!+- 2.37/21
 is the precise move to win.)]

14...Qxb2 15.Rc1 Bxe4! 2.34/18

[15...Qxa2? 16.Bc4 (16.Nxc5 Bxc5
 17.Rxc5 Nc6±) 16...Qa4 17.0-0+-]

[15...Nc6± 1.32/19 might work
 better.]

16.fxe4+- Nc6 17.Nd5! 0.01/18

[17.Bc4!+- 2.64/21 Nxe5 18.0-0]

17...Rb8!= 18.Nc7+ Kd8 Diagram



19.Nxa6

[The line 19.Nd5?! -1.46/19

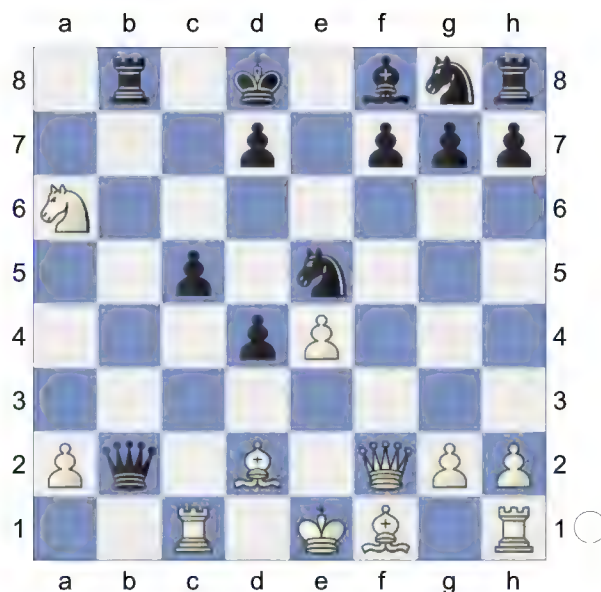
19.Nxa6 0.28 Nge7! 20.Qxf7?
 -2.98/22 (20.Qg3± -1.02/18)

20...Nxd5+- 21.exd5 Nxe5 22.Ba5+
 Rb6! 23.Qf4 Bd6! 24.Qd2
 Prevents Nd3+. Ke8!? favours Black]

19...Nxe5± 0.76/21 Diagram

[19...Rb6!= -0.01/20 keeps the
 balance.]

(Diagram)



20.Qg3 -0.01/22

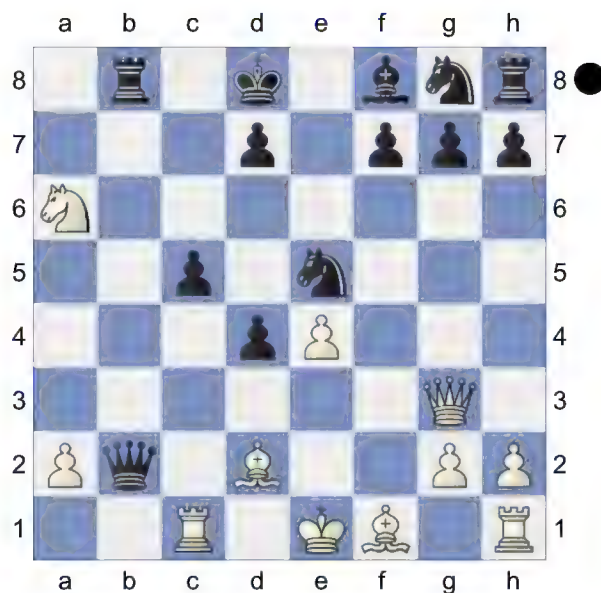
[20.Nxc5? Bxc5 (20...Qxa2?

21.Bg5+ Discovered Attack Be7

22.Bxe7+ Kxe7 23.Qxa2+-) 21.Rxc5

Qb1+ 22.Rc1 Qxe4+ 23.Kd1 Nf6+-]

[20.Nxb8± 0.76/21 Qxb8 21.Bc4]



20...f6! 21.Nxb8

[21.Nxc5 Bxc5 (21...Qxa2

22.Bc4=) 22.Rxc5 Qb1+ (22...Qxa2

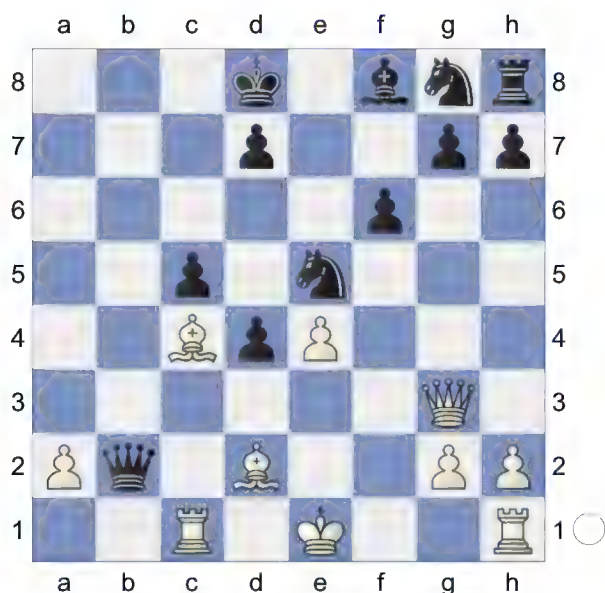
23.Qxg7 Rb1+ 24.Rc1±) 23.Rc1

Qxe4+ 24.Kd1 Nh6 25.Bxh6 gxh6±]

21...Qxb8 22.Bc4 Qb2 0.99/22

Diagram

[22...Ne7= 0.07/20]

**23.Bb3 -0.16/23**

[The endgame after 23.Qb3 0.31/19
23.a4 0.91 Qxb3 24.axb3∞
is double edged. As White's king is
safer than Black's it was logical that
White does not trade queens.]

[23.a4!± 0.99/22]

23...Ke8 0.59/25 A bizarre decision and
possibly not the best, although it worked
well as a trap.

[23...Ne7 , sacrificing the c5 pawn
deserves attention. If 24.Ba5+

A) but not 24...Ke8? 4.29/25

24...Kc8 -0.01 25.0-0 N7c6

...c4! would now be deadly. 26.Rc2

Qa3? 7.72/21 (26...Qxc2 3.45/20

27.Bxc2 Nxa5) 27.Bf7+;

B) 24...Kc8! 25.0-0 Bc4! would
now be deadly. N7c6 with the idea
of 26.Bb6?! d3± 0.59/20
(26...h5!= -0.01/21)]

[23...Ne7= -0.16/23]

24.Bf4? -0.62/21

[The way to gain an advantage was
24.Rf1! (forgetting about castling, but

consolidating pieces) d3 Repels Rc2
25.Rf2]

[24.Rf1± 0.59/25 d3 25.Rf2]

24...g5!± Diagram. Black is more active. **25.Bxg5 -2.45/20****d3!-+**

[Indeed, not 25...fxg5?? 39.45/27
25...d3 -2.77 26.Qxe5+]

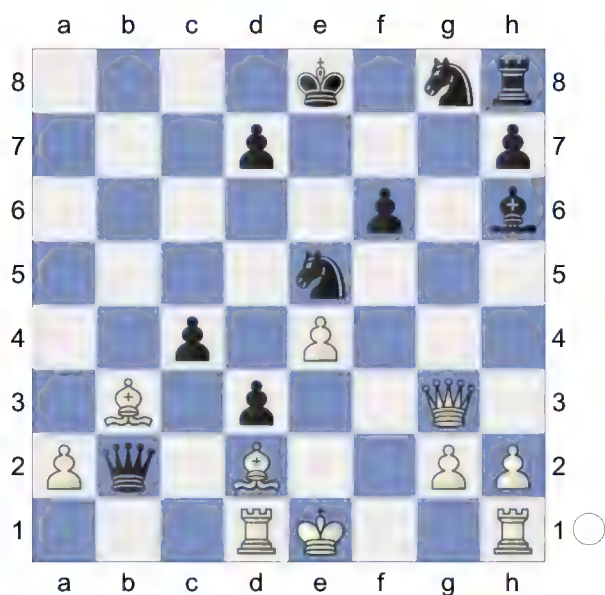
26.Bd2? -6.17/26

[26.0-0 -1.96/22 fxg5 27.Rc4]

26...Bh6! The key move. Black is clearly
winning. **27.Rd1**

[27.Qf2 loses to Ng4!]

27...c4! Diagram



28.0-0

[White is unable to avoid a loss of the bishop: if 28.Ba4 c3]

28...cxb3

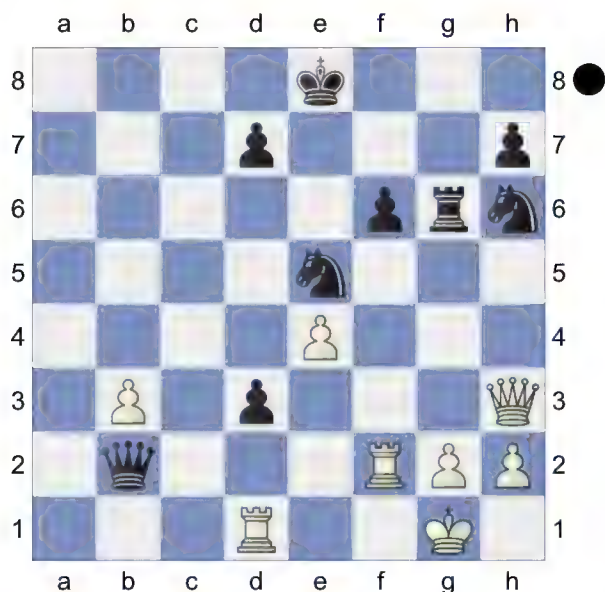
[28...Bxd2 29.Qg7 cxb3 30.Qxh8=]

29.Bxh6 Nxh6 Excellent horsemanship.

30.axb3 Rg8

[Not 30...Qxb3 31.Rb1 Qa4 32.Rb8+ (32.Rxf6 Nhg4 $\bar{f}$) 32...Kf7 33.Rxh8+-]

31.Qh3 Rg6 32.Rf2 Diagram



Weighted Error Value: White=1.33/

Black=0.35

32...Qd4! Black dominates completely. White resigned.

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□ Cvitan,Ognjen

■ Mendonca,Leon Luke

Nova Gorica HIT op 27th (4) 19.03.2023

[Kitty Kat]

A58

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A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5 bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 g6 7.g3 d6 8.Bg2 Bg7 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.0-0 Nb6 11.Re1 0-0 12.Bf4 Nh5 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bc1 Nf6 15.a3 0.05/21

[15.h3]

[15.Rb1 -0.01/22 15.Nd2 0.46 Nfd7 0.63/21 (15...Bc4 16.e4 Bxa2 17.Nxa2 Rxa2 18.e5; 15...Bc4= -0.01/22)]

[15.Nd2 $\pm$ 0.44/22 was preferable.]

15...Ra7 0.70/17

[15...Rb8= 0.05/21]

16.Rb1 $\pm$ Qa8!? Exploring less charted territory .Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. 17.e4 0.22/21

[17.Nh4 $\pm$ 0.61/21]

17...Nfd7= 18.Qc2 0.15/19

[18.a4 $\pm$ 0.58/23]

18...Nc4! 19.b3 0.01/19

[19.a4 $\pm$ 0.39/22]

19...Nce5 20.Nxe5 Nxe5 21.Rd1N Prevents Bd3. 21...Rb8 1.35/20

[21...Rc7= 0.10/21 remains equal.]

22.h3? -1.30/26

[22.f4! $\pm$ 1.35/20 is necessary to keep the advantage.]

22...Rab7 $\bar{f}$ 23.b4 -2.28/23 cxb4+-

24.axb4 Rc7 -0.95/21

[24...Rxb4+- -1.90/23 25.Rxb4 Rxb4]

25.Rb3N

[25.b5 Bxb5 26.Qb2 Nd7 (26...Nd3 27.Rxd3 Pin Rbb7 28.Rf3=) 27.Nxb5 Bxb2+-]

25...Bc4 -0.39/24 Black is much more active.

[25...Rbc8! 26.b5]

[25...Rbc8!⚡ -1.34/24 26.b5 Bxb5 Deflection 27.Rxb5 Rxc3]

26.Ra3⚡ Qb7 27.Be3! Qc8

[27...Bd3!? 28.Qb3 (28.Rxd3 Qxb4 29.Ra4 Qb3=) 28...Bc4⚡ (28...Qxb4 29.Qxb4 Rxb4 30.f4⚡)]

28.Qd2? -3.48/24

[28.Qa4!⚡ -0.32/22]

28...Rxb4? -0.62/24

[28...Bf1!]

[28...Bf1!+- -3.48/24 29.Rxf1 (29.Kxf1? Nc4+-) 29...Nc4 (29...Rxb4? 30.Nd1+-)]

29.Na4 -2.02/24

[29.Bxh6? -2.77/24 29.Rda1 -0.63 Bb3? 0.01/23 (29...Bxh6+- -2.77/24 30.Qxh6 Bb3)]

[White should try 29.Rda1!⚡ -0.62/24]

29...Qb8 30.Rc1 Kh7 -1.29/20

[30...Rb1+- -1.83/21 31.Rxb1 Qxb1+ 32.Kh2 Bf1]

31.Bd4? -5.08/26

[31.Kh2⚡ -1.29/20]

31...Bb3+- 32.Rxc7 Rxd4 33.Qc3

[33.Qxd4 Nf3+ 34.Bxf3 Bxd4 35.Rxe7 Qb4]

33...Bxa4 A strong pair of Bishops.

[33...Rd1+! 34.Kh2 Ng4+ 35.hxg4 Bxc3 36.Rxc3 Rb1]

[33...Nc4? 34.Rxb3 Qxc7 35.Nb2+-]

34.Qxd4 Qb1+? -0.01/22

[34...Nf3+ 35.Rxf3 Bxd4 36.Rxf7+ Kg8 37.Rfxe7 Qf8 -1.75/23 (37...Be8 -2.96/22 38.Rc4 Bxf2+]

Decoy 39.Kxf2 Qb6+ 40.Kf3 Qb3+ 41.Kf2 Qxc4 42.Rxe8+ Kf7) 38.Bf3+- Bd1? 0.01/20 (38...Bb5!+- -2.19/24 Hoping for ...Bf6!. 39.Kg2 Be2) 39.Rf7 Inhibits Bf6.]

[34...Qxc7 35.Qxa4 Qc1+ 36.Bf1±]

[Black should play 34...Nf3+- -3.32/28 35.Rxf3 Bxd4 36.Rxf7+ Kg8 37.Rfxe7 Qf8]

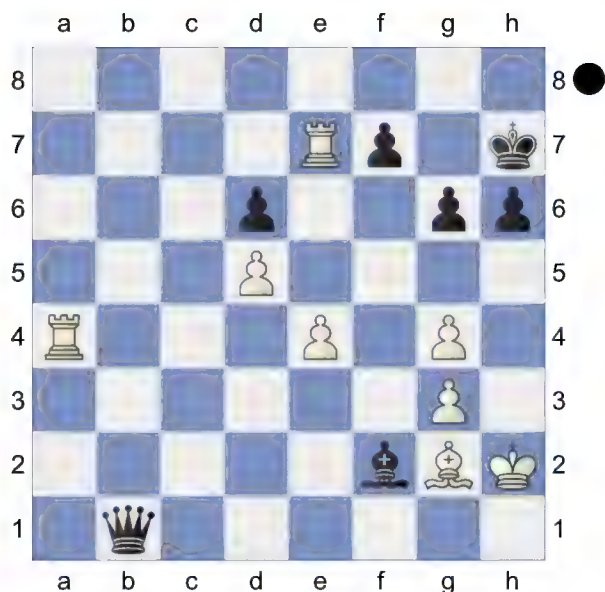
35.Kh2!=

[35.Bf1 Nf3+ 36.Rxf3 Bxd4]



35...Ng4+! Discovered Attack **36.hxg4 Bxd4 37.Rxa4 Bxf2 (-> ...Qb3) 38.Rxe7**

(Diagram)



Bxg3+! Decoy 39.Kxg3

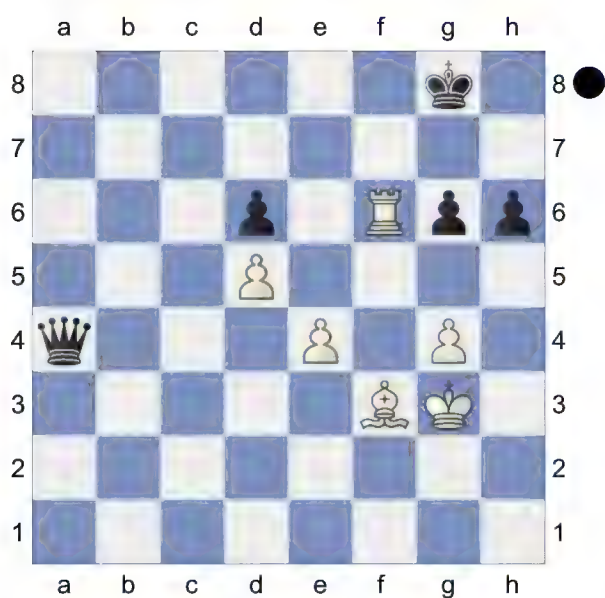
[39.Kh3? -5.37/26 39.Kxg3 -0.34 Qb3]

39...Qb3+ 40.Bf3 Qxa4

[40...h5 keeps more tension.
41.Rxf7+ Kh6 42.Raa7 Qe3]

41.Rxf7+ Endgame KQ-KRB 41...Kh8 -0.18/23

[41...Kg8 42.Rf6



**Qe8 -0.27/23 (42...Kg7! -0.81/24
43.Rxd6 Qd4) 43.Re6= Qf7 44.Rxd6
h5 45.gxh5 gxh5 (45...Qc7!?
46.e5 gxh5=) 46.Rc6 Qe7]**

[41...Kg8 -0.72/28 42.Rf6 Kg7
43.Rxd6 Qd4]

42.Rf6=



Qe8 -0.29/22

[42...Kg7! -1.15/23 43.Rxd6 Qa1]

43.Re6 Qf7 Predecessor: 44.Rxd6 h5
[44...Kg7]

45.gxh5 gxh5 46.Rc6

[46.Rh6+ Kg7 47.Rxh5 Qg6+
48.Kf4 Threatening mate with Rg5.
Qf6+ 49.Kg4 ½-½ (36) Narayanan,S
(2524)-Lysyj,I (2643) Moscow 2017]

Whites escaped into a draw.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/
Black=0.58

46...Qe7 Loss on time!?

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□ **Flom,Gabriel**

■ **Maurizzi,Marc Andria**

FRA-ch 96th Huy L'Alpe d (1.7) 19.08.23
[Kitty Kat]

A57

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A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.e3 e6 6.dxe6 fxe6 7.Nc3 d5 8.Nf3**

Be7!? A promising side line.

Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.

9.Be2N White is slightly better. **9...0-0!**

10.0-0 axb5 11.Bxb5 0.41/17

[11.Nxb5± **0.83/20** Ba6 12.b3]

11...Bb7± 12.a4N

[12.Qe2 Nbd7 (12...Nc6 13.Rd1 Qc7 14.h3 Rad8 15.Bd3 Nb4 16.Bb1 Ba6 17.Qe1 Nd7 18.a3 Nc6 19.Nh2 c4 20.Bd2 Nc5 21.Ne2 e5 22.Bc3 Nb3 23.Ba2 Nxa1 24.Rxa1 d4 25.Bd2 Kh8 26.Ng3 Qb6 27.Rb1 0-1 (52) Kukhmazov,A (2482)-

Demidov,M (2571) TCh-Premier 2022

(5.1)) 13.Rd1 Bd6 14.e4 d4 15.Bc4

Kh8 16.Ng5 Qb8 17.Nb1 Bxh2+

18.Kh1 Ne5 19.Bxe6 Ba6 20.Qc2

h6 21.Nh3 Neg4 22.f3 Ne3 23.Bxe3

dxe3 24.Nc3 Nh5 25.g4 Ng3+

26.Kg2 e2 0-1 (31) Baumann-Decker,

M WT/M ca. 1975]

[12.b3 Bd6 13.Bb2 e5 14.Ne2 e4

15.Ne5 Qe7 16.f4 exf3 17.Nxf3

Qxe3+ 18.Kh1 Ne4 19.Qe1 Qh6

20.Ne5 Na6 21.Ng3 Rxf1+ 22.Nxf1

Rf8 23.Nf3 Nb4 24.Rd1 d4 25.a3

Nc2 26.Qe2 Ne3 0-1 (31) Jarocka,L

(2261)-Batsiashvili,N (2476) Wch

Blitz (Women) 2024 (2)]

12...Na6 13.b3 Nc7

[13...Bd6 14.e4? **-1.12/21** (14.Be2!±

0.51/17 keeps the upper hand.)

14...dxe4± 15.Ng5 0-1 Milikow,Y

(2394)-Moussard,J (2644) Titled

Tuesday intern op 09th May Late blitz

2023 (3) Nc7 16.Bc4 Bb2! would now

be deadly. Qe7? **0.55/21** (16...Be5!±

-1.10/21 17.Qc2 Qe7) 17.Qc2?

-1.01/21 (17.Qe2± **0.55/21**)

17...Be5!± Threatens to win with ...h6.

18.Rb1 **-1.42/20** (18.Ra2!± **-0.60/21**)

18...h6!± 19.Nh3 g5 **-0.58/15**

Repels Bf4 (19...Kh8± **-0.99/16**

20.Ne2 Ncd5)]

14.Be2 Bd6 15.Bb2 e5 16.Nb5 Nxb5

17.axb5

[17.Bxb5 e4 18.Nd2 Qc7±]

17...Qe7 18.Rxa8 Rxa8 19.Qc2 e4

20.Nd2 0.04/18

[20.Nh4± **1.01/18**]

20...Nd7 0.58/20

[20...Rf8= **0.04/18**]

21.Rd1 0.21/20

[21.f4± **0.58/20**]

21...Ne5= 22.Nf1 Rf8 23.Ng3 Qf6

24.Rf1

[24.Nxe4 dxe4 25.Bc4+ Kh8±]

24...Qe6 25.Qc3 Rf7 26.f4 -0.70/21

[26.Ra1± **0.50/17**]

26...exf3± 27.gxf3 Qh3 -0.29/20

[27...h5!± **-1.40/21** 28.f4 Ng4

Discovered Attack]

28.Rf2 -1.39/20

[28.Qa5= **-0.29/20** Bc7 29.Qd2]



28...Ng4!± Black has more active pieces. **29.Rg2 -1.70/22**

[29.fxg4? Bxg3 30.Rg2 (30.hxg3? d4+) 30...d4 31.Rxg3 dxc3+]

[29.Bf1± **-0.75/23** Qh6 30.fxg4 Bxg3

(30...Rxf2 31.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 32.Ke1±)

31.Re2 (31.hxg3? d4-+)]



29...Be5?? 3.04/22

[29...h5!-+ -1.70/22 and life is good for Black. 30.Ba3 (30.fxg4? too greedy. d4-+) 30...h4 31.Bxc5 Bxc5 (31...d4? 32.Qxd4 Bxc5 33.Qxc5-+) 32.Qxc5 hxg3 33.hxg3 (33.fxg4? gxh2+ 34.Kh1 d4-+) 33...Ne5 (33...d4 34.Bc4= Pin)]

30.Qxc5!+- Nxe3 5.09/23

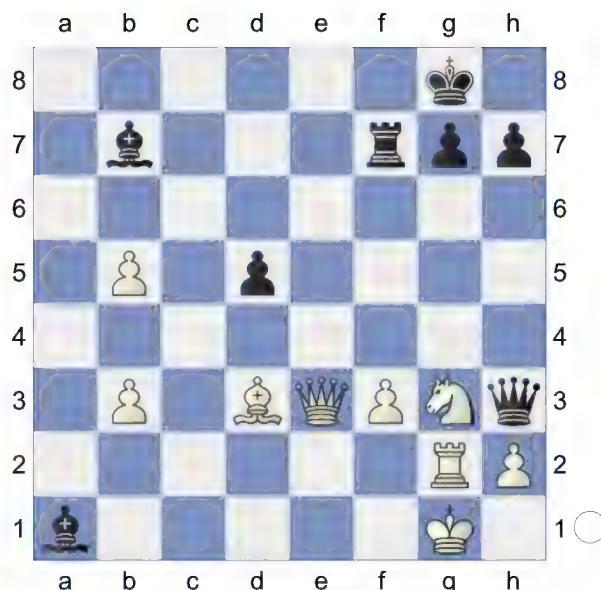
[30...Bxb2 2.52/21 was called for. 31.fxg4 g6]

31.Qxe3 Bxb2 32.Bd3 Wards off g6

32...Ba1? 12.88/22

[32...Bf6 3.82/21 33.Nf5 Rf8]

(Diagram)



33.Bf5! Decoy 33...Qxf5

[33...Bd4 34.Qxd4]

34.Nxf5 Rxf5 35.Qe6+ Rf7 Vorgänger: 36.Rc2 Bd4+ 37.Kg2 Rc7 would kill now. 37...Kf8 38.Qd6+ Re7 39.Rc7 Bf6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=1.21

40.Rxb7 Loss on time!?

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A59

Abel,Dennes

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Christiansen,Johan Sebastian

Maia op 6th (7)

30.08.2022

[Kitty Kat]

A59: Benko/Volga Gambit: White castles by hand

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.e4 Bxf1 8.Kxf1 d6 9.g3 Bg7 10.Kg2 0-0 11.Nf3 Nbd7 12.Qc2 12.a4 is a critical line. 12.a4 ist die kritische Fortsetzung.

12...Ra6 1.29/16

[12...Qb6± 0.64/16]

13.a4± Qa8 14.Ra3 was the old line (14.

Re1). war die alte Variante (14.Te1).

14...Rc8 White is better. **15.Rd1**

[15.Re1 c4 16.Be3 Ng4 17.Bd4 Nge5 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.Rd1 Qb7 20.Nb5 f5 21.Bxe5 Bxe5 22.exf5 gxf5 23.Qxf5 Bxb2 24.Rf3 Be5 25.Nd4 Kh8 26.Ne6 Raa8 27.Ng5 e6 28.Nf7+ Kg8 29.dxe6 Qe7 1-0 (30) Bluebaum, M (2655)-Christiansen, J (2629) Titled Tue 16th Jan Early blitz 2024 (10)]

15...Ne8N 1.44/18 Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[$\triangle$ 15...c4 1.04/16 16.Be3 Ng4 17.Bd4 Nge5 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.Nb5 26. Benko 7.e4 systems-6. Nc3 d6 7.e4 #1]

[15...Ng4 16.Bf4 Nb6 17.h3 Bxc3 18.Rxc3 Nf6 19.b3 Nfd7 20.Nd2 f6 21.g4 Ne5 22.Bg3 c4 23.Bxe5 cxb3 24.Nxb3 dxe5 25.Nc5 Ra5 26.d6 exd6 27.Rxd6 Rb8 28.Qb3+ 1-0 21.Qc4 (2562)-Mixakis, E (2318) (ol) 14/19 Skopje 1972 (2)]

16.Bd2N 0.95/21

[Predecessor: 16.Bg5 Kf8 17.Nb5 Nb6 18.b3 0.46/17 (18.a5+- 1.78/18 Nd7 19.Bd2) 18...c4 $\pm$ 19.Nbd4 0.11/22 (19.Nfd4! $\pm$ 0.93/19) 19...h6= 20.Be3 cxb3 21.Qxb3 Nxa4? 3.11/19 (21...Nc4!= 0.08/19 22.Ra2 Nxe3+ 23.Qxe3 Rxa4 24.Rxa4 Qxa4) 22.Rda1 1.74/23 1-0 (32) Riazantsev, A (2646)-Milanovic, D (2469) Berlin 2015 ($\triangle$ 22.Nc6 3.11/19)]

[$\triangle$ 16.Bg5 1.44/18]

16...Nc7 **17.Be1** 0.69/16

[17.h4 $\pm$ 1.27/17]

17...e6 1.69/19

[17...Rb8 $\pm$ 0.69/16]

18.dxe6!+- fxe6 1.96/17

[18...Nxe6 $\pm$ 1.12/18 19.Nd5 Rb8]

19.Bd2 1.47/17

[19.Qe2+- 1.96/17]

19...d5 $\pm$ **20.exd5** 0.30/19

[20.Bf4! $\pm$ 1.57/18]

20...exd5= **21.Bf4!** **Bxc3** 1.12/20

[Black should play 21...d4 $\pm$ 0.48/20]

22.Rxc3 -0.01/17

[White should play 22.Qxc3 $\pm$ 1.12/20 Bxc7 is the strong threat. Ne6 23.Re1]

22...Ne6 **23.Kg1** **Rxa4** **24.Bh6** **d4**

25.Rc4 **Ra1** **26.Rxa1** -0.60/20

[26.Qd3= -0.11/21]

26...Qxa1+ $\bar{f}$ **27.Qc1** **Qa8** -0.32/19

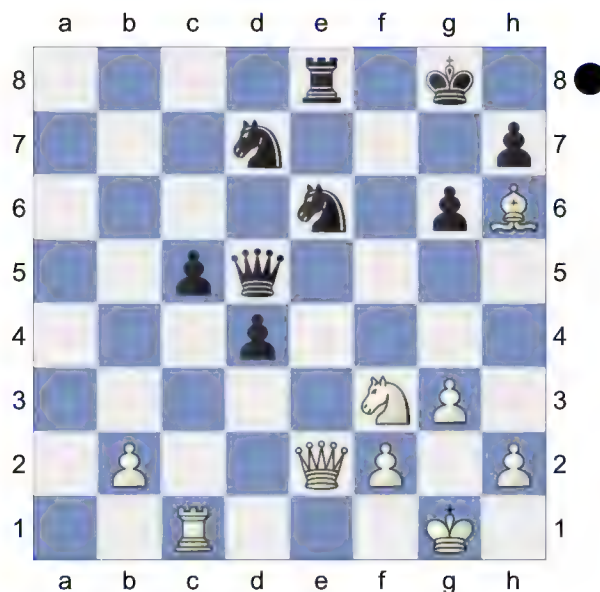
[27...Qxc1+ $\bar{f}$ -0.72/19 28.Rxc1 c4]

28.Qd1! **Qd5** **29.Qe2** -0.79/19

[29.Ra4!= -0.25/18]

29...Re8 $\bar{f}$ **30.Rc1?** -3.88/21

[30.Nd2 $\bar{f}$ -0.76/19]



30...Nf6? -0.53/19

[30...d3!-+ -3.88/21 31.Qd1 c4]

31.Qd1 -3.46/18

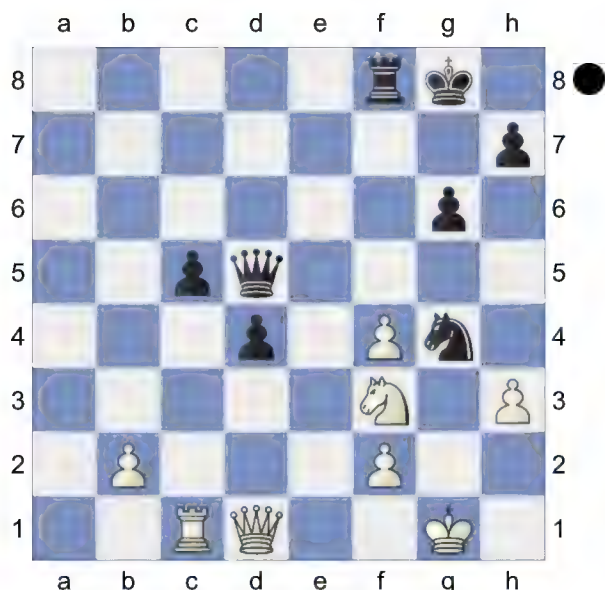
[31.Re1 $\bar{f}$ -0.53/19]

31...Ng4-+ **32.Bf4** -7.00/18

[32.Bd2 -2.58/20]

32...Rf8 **33.h3** **Nxf4** **34.gxf4**

(Diagram)



Nf6 Threatens to win with ...Nh5.

[34...Rxf4 35.hxg4 Rxf3 36.Rxc5±]

35.Nd2 Qf5 -2.44/22

[Δ35...Nh5 -4.24/23 36.Qb3 Qxb3
(36...Nxf4 37.Qxd5+)

Remove Defender Nxd5 38.Rxc5±)

37.Nxb3 Nxf4 38.Rxc5 d3
(38...Nxb3+ 39.Kh2±)]

36.Qb3+? -4.60/22

[36.Nb3 -2.44/22]

36...Kg7 37.Qf3 -4.69/18

[37.Ra1 -3.30/22 was called for. Qxf4
38.Ra7+ Kh6 39.Qb7]

37...Nh5 38.Qg4 -6.53/23

[38.b4 -3.96/20 Nxf4 39.Rxc5 Nxb3+
(39...Qxb3 40.Qxb3 Nxb3+)

Discovered Attack 41.Kg2±) 40.Kg2
Nf4+ 41.Kh2]

38...Nxf4 Black is clearly winning.

39.Qxf5 Rxf5

[Stronger than 39...gxf5 40.Rxc5 Kf6
(40...Nxb3+ 41.Kf1=) 41.Nf3±]

40.Kf1 Prevents Ne2 Black used his chance.

Weighted Error Value: White=1.05/
Black=0.59

40...Nd3 Discovered Attack, Double

Attack

0-1

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A59

□ Ebrahimi Herab,Hamidreza

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■ Martin Fuentes,Alberto

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Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Late b..

[Kitty Kat]

A59: Benko/Volga Gambit: White castles by hand

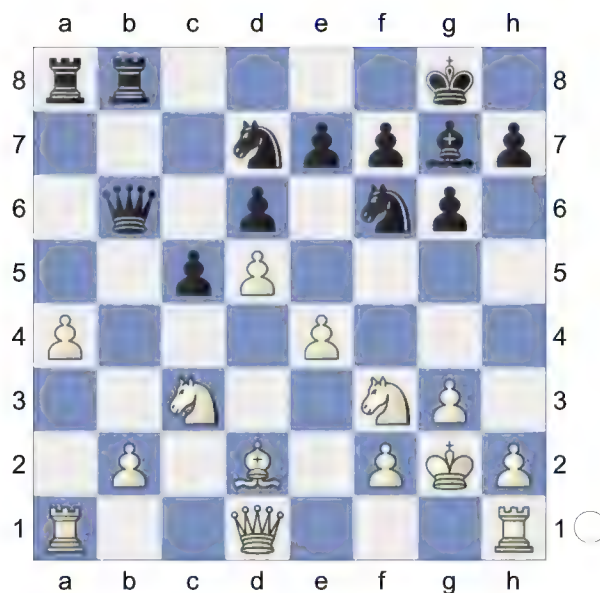
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Nf3 d6 8.e4
Bxf1 9.Kxf1 Bg7 10.g3 0-0 11.Kg2
Nbd7 12.a4 Qb6 13.Bd2 0.48/22

13.Qc2 is the modern continuation.

13.Dc2 ist die moderne Fortsetzung.

[13.Ra3± 1.03/18]

13...Rfb8



14.Qe2! White is better. 14...Ne8
0.84/21

[14...Qa6± 0.45/20]

[14...Qb7 15.Nb5 Rc8 16.Bc3 c4
17.Rhc1 Nc5 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Rxc4
Ra5 20.e5 dxe5 21.Rac1 Qxd5
22.b4 Rxa4 23.Nc3 Qa8 24.Nxa4
Qxa4 25.Rxc5 Rxc5 26.bxc5 Qc6

27.Rc4 0-1 Dominguez,F (2132)-
Freitas,R (1898) Florianopolis op 9th
2023 (5)]

15.Rhb1 Nc7 16.Bf4N 0.55/19

[16.Qd3± 0.91/19]

[16.Nd1 Qa6 17.Qxa6 Rxa6 18.a5
f5 19.exf5 Nxd5 20.fxc6 hxg6
21.Ra4 Nb4 22.Ne3 Rb5 23.b3 e6
24.Bxb4 Rxb4 25.Rxb4 cxb4 26.Rc1
Nc5 27.Rc4 Bc3 28.Nd1 Nxb3
29.Nxc3 bxc3 30.Rxc3 Nc5
(58) 1) Benko Gambit Fully Accepted-
5...Ba6 Informational 31.Ra3 e5
32.Nd2 d5 33.Nf3 Nd7 34.Ne1 Nb8
35.Rb3 Nc6 36.Rb6 Rxb6 37.axb6
Kf7 38.b7 Ke6 39.h4 Kd6 40.g4 e4
41.h5 gxh5 42.gxh5 Kc7 43.h6 Ne5
44.h7 Nf7 45.Kg3 Kxb7 1-0 (58)
Osnos,V (2778)-Chitrit,N (2732)
Leningrad (Game 10) 1970 46.Nc2
Kc6 47.Kf4 Kd6 48.Kf5 Ke7 49.Kg6
Kf8 50.Kf6 Nh8 51.Nd4 Ke8 52.Kg7
Ke7 53.Kxh8 Kf8 54.Ne2 Kf7
55.Nc3 d4 56.Nxe4 d3 57.Nd2 Kf8
58.Nf3 22. Annotated Games-#17
Nakamura,H]

16...Qa6± 17.Qe1N 0.09/19

[17.Qxa6 -0.01/23 17.Qc2 0.79 Rxa6
18.Nd2 Rxb2? 2.00/26 (18...f5=
0.06/23) 19.Rxb2+- Bxc3

(Diagram)



20.Rab1? 0.13/23 (20.Rb7!+- 1.86/25
Bxa1 21.Rxc7) 20...Bxb2= 21.Rxb2
Rb6 1.48/27 (21...Ne8= 0.19/21
keeps the balance.) 22.Rxb6± Nxb6
23.a5 Nba8? 2.39/23 (23...Nd7±
0.84/24) 24.Nc4+- f6? 5.56/23
(24...Na6 2.40/25 25.e5 dxe5
26.Bxe5 f6) 25.h4? 1.87/23 (25.Nb6
5.56/23 Nxb6 26.axb6) 25...Kg7?
5.28/23 ½-½ Gudmundsson,G (1341)-
Herega,N (1728) EU-ch U10 27th
2017 (3) (25...Nb5 1.87/23 26.Nb6
Nac7)]

[17.Qc2± 0.80/20]

17...Qc4 0.62/20

[17...Rb4= 0.09/19]

18.Nd2 0.11/20

[White should try 18.Qd1± 0.62/20]

18...Qd3 19.Qe3 -0.09/21

[19.Ra3± 0.41/18 Qa6 20.h4]

19...Qxe3= 20.Bxe3 Ne5

(Diagram)



21.Nb5! Nxb5

[21...Na6 22.Bg5]

22.axb5 Rxa1 23.Rxa1 Ng4 0.96/22

[23...f5!= 0.19/22]

24.Nc4 0.07/25

[24.Ra5± 0.96/22]

24...Nxe3+ 25.fxe3 Rxb5 Endgame
KRB-KRN 26.Ra8+ Bf8 27.e5 Rb4
0.95/27

[27...Kg7!= 0.16/22]

28.exd6!± White is more active.

28...exd6 29.Nxd6 Rxb2+ 30.Kf3
Kg7? 3.63/25

[30...Rxh2± 0.61/21 31.Nc4 Rh1
(31...Rc2? 32.d6+-)]

31.Ne8+- Kh6 32.e4 Rxh2? 5.58/22

[32...c4 2.40/22 is more resistant.

33.Rc8 Bg7]

33.Nf6

[33.e5 Rd2=]

33...Kg7 34.e5 Rd2 35.d6 Inhibits
Be7. 35...g5 9.14/23

[35...c4 4.83/23 36.Rc8 Rd3+
37.Ke4 h5]

36.Re8 Bxd6 37.Rg8+ Kh6 38.exd6
0.24/26

[38.Ne4+- 5.65/25]

38...Rxd6 KRN-KR 39.Ne4 Rg6 40.Rc8

[Less strong is 40.Rxg6+ Kxg6
41.Nxc5 Kf5 42.g4+ Kg6+-]

40...f5! 41.Nxc5 Rd6 42.Re8 Kg6
43.Rg8+ Kf6 44.Rh8 Kg6 45.Ra8 h5
46.Rg8+ Kf6 47.Rc8 Kg6 48.Rc7 Kf6
49.Nd7+ Ke6 50.Nc5+ Kf6 51.Rh7 h4
52.gxh4 aiming for Rh6+. 52...gxh4
53.Rxh4 Ke5 54.Ra4 Rc6 55.Nd3+
Kf6 56.Nf4 Rc3+ 57.Kf2

White threatens Nd5+ and mate.
57...Kg5 58.Ne2 Rb3 59.Ra8 Kf6
60.Rf8+ Kg5 61.Rg8+ Kf6 62.Nd4
Rb2+ 63.Ke3 Ke5 64.Re8+ Kd5
65.Nxf5 Rb3+ 66.Kf4 Rb1 67.Re5+
Kc6 68.Re6+ Kd5 69.Rd6+ Kc5
70.Rd2 Kc6 71.Ke5 Re1+ 72.Kd4
Kb5 73.Kd5 Rb1 74.Nd4+ Kb6
75.Rc2 Rh1 76.Rc6+ Kb7 77.Rg6
Rh5+ 78.Kc4 Kc7 79.Ne6+ Kd7
80.Nc5+ Kc7 81.Kb5 Kd8 82.Rg7
Ke8 83.Kc6 Rh6+ 84.Kd5 Kf8 85.Ra7
Rg6 86.Ne6+ Kg8! 87.Ke5 Rg1
Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/
Black=0.42

88.Nf4 Loss on time!?

1-0

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A59

□ Ebrahimi Herab,Hamidreza

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■ Martin Fuentes,Alberto

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Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Early ..

[Kitty Kat]

A59: Benko/Volga Gambit: White castles
by hand

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Nf3 d6 8.e4
Bxf1 9.Kxf1 Bg7 10.g3 0-0 11.Kg2
Nbd7 12.a4 Qb6 13.h3N 0.65/17
13.Qc2 is a critical line.13.Dc2 ist die
kritische Fortsetzung.

[13.Ra3± 1.14/17]

[13.Qe2 Rfb8 14.Nb5 Ne8 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bxe7 Rb7 17.Ra3 Ne5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Bh4 Nc7 20.f4 Bg7 21.Rc1 Nxb5 22.axb5 Re8 23.Rca1 Qxb5 24.Qxb5 1-0 Antonov, V-Spodny,J EU/FSM/43 corr ICCF 1990]

[13.Qc2 Rfb8

A) 14.Ra3 Ng4 (14...c4 15.Rd1 Ng4 16.Nb5 Nc5 17.h3 Ne5 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.f4 Bg7 20.Be3 h5 21.e5 Rc8 22.f5 dxe5 23.Qxc4 gxf5 24.b4 Nxa4 25.Qxc8+ Rxc8 26.Bxb6 Nxb6 27.Ra6 Rc2+ 28.Kg1 Bh6 29.Re1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (48) Atalik,S (2532)-Tomic,T (2189) BIH-chT Neum 2001 (9)) 15.h3 Nge5 16.Nd2 Qa6 17.Nb5 g5 18.Nc7 Qa5 19.Nxa8 Rxa8 20.Nc4 Nxc4 21.Qxc4 h6 22.h4 g4 23.Qb5 Qa7 24.h5 Ne5 25.Qe2 Rb8 26.b3 Qb6 27.a5 Qb4 28.a6 Nf3 1-0 (54) Toktomushev,T (2274)-Korsunsky,Y (2369) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Early blitz 2024 (10);

B) 14.Nb5 Ne8 15.Bd2 Nc7 16.Nxc7 Qxc7 17.Rab1 c4 18.b4 c3 19.Rhc1 Qc4 20.Bxc3 Rc8 21.Rb3 Rxa4 22.Qb2 Qxe4 23.Bxg7 Rxc1 24.Bh6 f6 25.Qxc1 1-0 Riazantsev,A (2692)-Van Wely,L (2654) Wch Blitz 8th 2014 (15)]

13...Ne8 1.11/18

[13...Rfb8± 0.65/17]

14.Qe2N 0.58/17

[14.Qc2 Nc7 15.Bg5 0.62/20 (15.h4± 1.02/19) 15...Rfe8 0.98/19 (15...h6± 0.62/20) 16.Ra3± f6 1.97/17 (16...h6± 0.85/17) 17.Be3

1.50/17 (17.Bc1+- 1.97/17) 17...Reb8 1.87/18 (17...Rf8± 1.50/17 is a better defense. 18.Re1 Rfb8) 18.Rb1 1.37/17 (18.Bc1+- 1.87/18) 18...Ne5? 7.08/18 (18...Qb7± 1.37/17) 19.Nxe5+- fxe5 20.Nd1? 2.11/17 (20.b4 6.91/18) 20...Qb4 3.29/20 1-0 (41) Mangold,N (1993)-Sharma,K (1324) FIDE World Uni Blitz-A 1st 2021 (4.47) ($\triangleleft$ 20...Qa6 2.11/17 21.Nc3 Bf6)]

[14.h4± 1.11/18]

14...Nc7± 15.Bd2 0.32/19

[15.h4± 0.84/17]

15...Rfb8 16.Rhb1 Qa6 Against Qd3

17.Qxa6 0.07/20

[17.Qd1± 0.53/17 deserves consideration.]

17...Rxa6= 18.Ra3 -0.29/22

[$\triangleleft$ 18.a5 0.21/21]

18...Rab6 0.39/20

[18...f5= -0.29/22]

19.b3 -0.63/19

[White should play 19.Nd1!± 0.39/20]

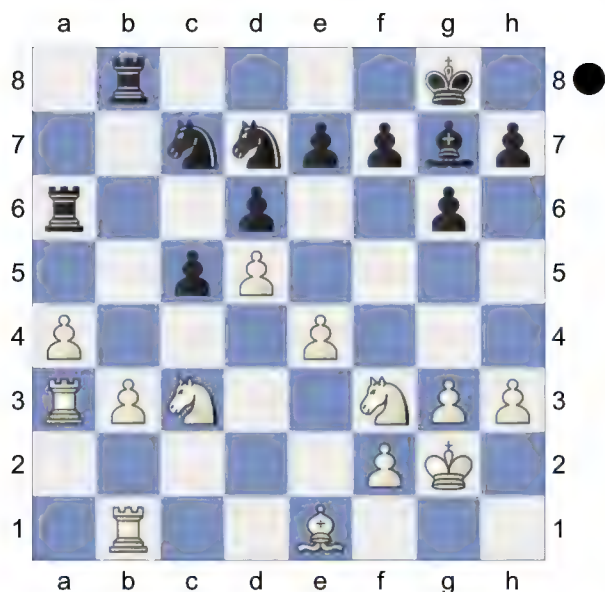
19...Ra6 0.01/22

[19...f5= -0.63/19]

20.Be1? -4.82/21

[20.Nd1= 0.01/22 and White is okay.]

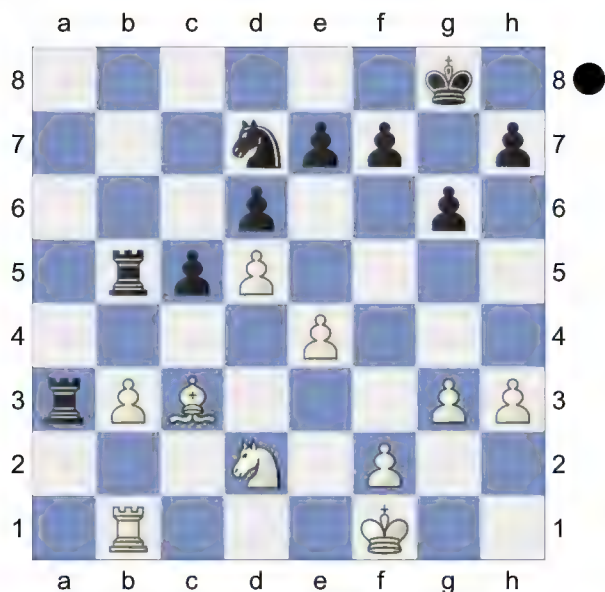
(Diagram)



20...Bxc3!-+

[20...f5 21.Ra2+]

21.Bxc3 Nb5 22.axb5 Rxa3 23.Nd2 Rxb5 24.Kf1



c4! 25.Bb2

[25.Nxc4 Raxb3]

25...Raxb3 26.Nxb3 Rxb3 27.Ra1 Rxb2 KRN-KR 28.Ra7 Ne5 29.Rxe7 c3 30.Rc7 c2 And now ...Nd3 would win. **31.Ke1 Nd3+ 32.Kd2** Black took control after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=1.77/ Black=0.33

32...c1Q+ 0-1

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□ **Ondersteijn,Niels**

■ **Bus,Tom**

EU-Cup 39th Vrnjacka Banja (3.2)

[Kitty Kat]

A57

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A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.e3 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.a4! outshines the older **7.Nf3**. **erfolgreicher als das alte 7.Sf3. 7...0-0 8.e4 d6 9.Nf3 Qa5 1.29/20**

[♞9...e6 **0.81/19**]

[9...Bb7 10.Be2 axb5 11.Bxb5 e6 12.dxe6 fxe6 13.e5 dxe5 14.0-0 Nc6 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.Nxe5 Bb7 17.Bg5 Qxd1 18.Rfxd1 Nd5 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.Nd7 Rf5 21.Be3 Bb3 22.Rd2 c4 23.Nb6 Ra6 24.Rc1 1-0 (35) Peter,F (2649)-5.Re1 Ng6 6. c3 (2540) Novaya Ladoga 2002 (4)]

10.Nd2N 0.78/19

[10.Bd2 **1.29/20** Bd7 11.Bd3 axb5 12.Nxb5 Qb6 13.0-0 Na6 14.Bc3 Bxb5 15.axb5 Nc7 16.Qe2 Rfb8 17.Rxa8 Rxa8 18.Nd2 Nd7 19.Nc4 Qb8 20.Na5 e6 21.Nc6 Qb7 22.dxe6 fxe6 23.Bc4 Nb6 24.Bxg7 Nxc4 25.Bf6 0-1 (52) Yang,M (1806)-Dimitrijevic,D (2085) Belgrade Serbia op 2023 (1) Qxb5 26.Ne7+ Kf7 27.Bg5 h6 28.Bh4 g5 29.Nd5 exd5 30.exd5 Ne5 31.Qh5+ Ng6 32.Bxg5 hxg5 33.Qh7+ Kf6 34.Qxc7 Qb8 35.Qd7 Ra7 36.Qe6+ Kg7 37.Qf5 Qd8 38.Re1 Rf7 39.Qc2 Nf4 40.Qe4 0-1 (52) 5... Nc6,t (1806)-Eswaran,A (2085) World Championship Match, 43rd Game

1985 (1)]

10...axb5 1.61/21

[10...e6± 0.78/19]

11.Bxb5+- Ba6**12.Ra3 Nbd7** 1.95/21

[12...Nfd7± 1.47/18]

13.Nc4

[13.0-0 0.82/21 13.Nc4 1.89 Nb6

14.Qe2 0.32/20 (14.Bxa6± 1.11/20

Rxa6 15.Nb3) 14...Rfb8 0.81/19

(14...Bxb5± 0.32/20 is superior.

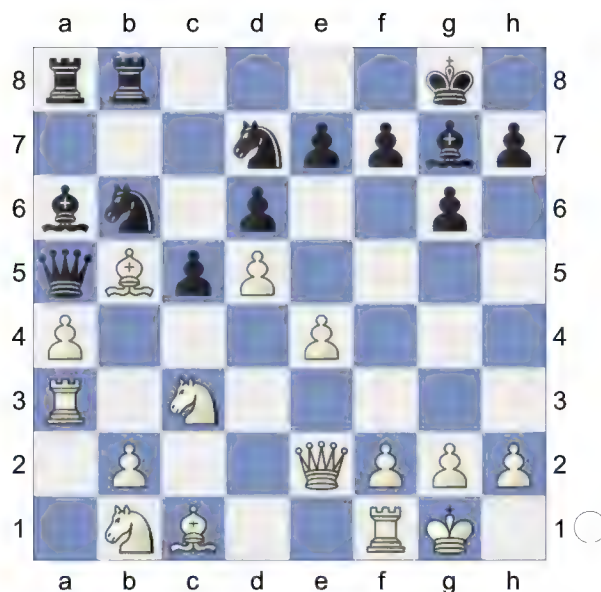
15.axb5 Qb4) 15.Ndb1 -0.01/19

(15.Na2± 0.81/19 Nc8 16.Nc3)

15...Nfd7 1.28/18 (15...Bxb5=

-0.01/19 16.axb5 Qb4)

(Diagram)



16.Re1? -0.31/21 (16.Bd2!± 1.28/18

and Nd1 would now be decisive Nc8

17.b3) 16...Bxb5 17.axb5 Qb4

18.Qc2 c4 19.Be3 Bxc3 0.47/21

(Black should play 19...Nc5= -0.23/21)

20.Rxc3 -0.86/20 ½-½ Castaneda

Jimenez, J (2198)-Ossa, V (1956)

Antioquia op 2014 (2) (20.Nxc3±

0.47/21 keeps the upper hand. Rxa3

21.bxa3 Qxa3 22.Rb1)]

13...Qb4 3.28/21

[13...Qc7 1.67/19 14.Qe2 Bxb5]

14.Rb3 Qxc4 15.Bxc4 Bxc4 16.Ra3**Ne5 17.Ne2** 1.81/19

[17.Nb5 3.70/20]

17...Nxe4 18.0-0 Rfb8 2.72/18

[18...Nf6 1.70/18 19.f4 Ned7]

19.b3? 0.69/22

[19.Re1+- 2.72/18]

19...Ba6!± This pair of bishops is nice.**20.f3 Nf6 21.Bb2** 0.64/22

[Better is 21.Nc3± 1.07/19]

21...Nd3 22.Bxf6 -0.01/21

[22.Bc3± 1.00/20]

22...Bxf6= 23.Qd2 -0.18/22

[23.f4!± 0.40/26]

23...Bb2 24.Ra2 -1.90/22

[24.Rfa1!= 0.01/20]

24...Rxb3+ 25.Rxb2 -4.28/27

[25.Rd1+ -1.47/18]

25...Rxb2 26.Qe3 Ne5 27.Re1 Bxe2

28.Rxe2 Rxe2 -1.55/28

[28...Rb1+- -2.94/23 29.Kf2 Rxa4]

29.Qxe2+ Rxa4+ Endgame KQ-KRN

30.Qb5 Rd4 31.h3 -2.53/24

[31.Qe8+ -1.59/23 Kg7 32.h3]

31...Kg7

[31...Rxd5 32.Qe8+ Kg7 33.Qxe7+]

32.Qe8 -2.52/21

[32.Qb7 -1.98/23 was worth a try.]

32...Rxd5 33.Qxe7 Rd4? -0.56/19

[33...h6+ -2.17/21 ...g5 would now be deadly. 34.f4 Nc6]

34.f4!+ Nc6

[But not 34...Rxf4 35.Qxd6 Rf5 36.Kh1=]

35.Qe8 Nb4

Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/

Black=0.52

36.f5? -2.94/22 Loss on time!?

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A58

□ Nemec,Jachym

2345

■ Szotkowski,Jakub

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CZE-chT 2223 (5.3)

07.01.2023

[Kitty Kat]

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5 bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6

5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.e4 0-0

(Diagram)



8.a7! White is better.is recently more successful than 8.Nf3.ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 8.Sf3. 8...Rxa7 9.Nf3 d6 0.95/21

[9...e6!± 0.56/21]

10.Be2 Ba6 1.05/21

[10...e6± 0.67/20]

11.0-0± Rb7N

[11...Nbd7 12.Rb1 Qa8 13.Re1

Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Ng4 15.Nd2 Bxc3

16.bxc3 Ngf6 17.a3 Rb8 18.Rxb8+

Qxb8 19.c4 Rb7 20.f4 Nh5 21.Qe3

f6 22.g3 Ng7 23.Qd3 Kh8 24.Re3

e5 25.f5 gxf5 26.exf5 1-0 (34)

Petzold,V (2601)-Clarke,G (2447)

Plzen m 2000 (9.4)]

[11...Qa5 12.e5 (12.Bd2 Bxe2

13.Qxe2 Qa6 14.Qxa6 Nxa6 15.e5

dxe5 16.Nxe5 Nb4 17.Be3 Rc8

18.Nc6 Nxc6 19.dxc6 Rxc6 20.Rac1

Ng4 21.Rc2 Nxe3 22.fxe3 Rb7

23.Rf4 e6 24.Rc4 Rb4 25.Na4 Rd6

26.Nxc5 Rd1+ 0-1 (61) Rotlewi,G

(2280)-Miezes (2331) (ol) 50/217 Novi

Sad 1990 (5)) 12...dxe5 13.Nxe5

Rd8 14.Bxa6 Qxa6 15.Qf3 Rb7

16.Re1 Rb4 17.h3 Qa8 18.d6 Qxf3

19.dxe7 Qd5 20.Nxd5 Rxd5 21.Nd3

Ne8 22.Nxb4 cxb4 23.Bf4 Nd7
24.Rad1 Ndf6 25.Be5 Rxd1
26.Rxd1 1-0 (30) L'Ami,E (2606)-Van
Wely,L (2658) NED-ch internet blitz
2016 (4.3)]

12.Re1N

[Predecessor: 12.a4 Rb4 13.Bxa6
0.66/19 (13.Ne1!± 1.22/18)
13...Nxa6± 14.Qe2 0.43/18 (14.h3±
0.86/19) 14...Nc7 0.91/19 (14...Qa8±
0.43/18 was preferable.) 15.Ra3
0.23/22 (15.Qc2± 0.91/19) 15...Qb8
0.68/21 (15...Qa8= 0.23/22) 16.Qc2±
Qb7 17.Nd2 0.24/20 (17.h3± 0.74/20)
17...e6= 18.Na2 0-1 (31) Johannsson,
B (1949)-Milosevic,M (2293) Konya
2018]

12...Qa5 1.44/19

[Better is 12...Nfd7 0.80/19]

13.h3 0.59/22

[13.e5± 1.44/19]

13...Nfd7± 14.a4 Ne5 15.Nxe5 Bxe5

16.Ra3 Rb4 1.21/20

[16...Bxe2± 0.50/21 17.Rxe2
(17.Qxe2 Rb4±) 17...Na6]

17.Qc2 0.69/23

[White should try 17.Bb5± 1.21/20]

17...Nd7 18.Bd2 0.41/21

[18.Bxa6± 0.87/23 Qxa6 19.b3]

18...Bxe2 19.Rxe2 Qa6! 20.Bc1 -0.46/21

[20.Re1!± 0.67/21]

20...Nb6̄ Black has compensation.

21.Re1 Nc4 22.Ra2 Rfb8 23.Re2 -0.66/21

[23.Qe2= -0.29/22]

23...Na5 -0.25/21

[23...Bg7̄ -0.66/21]

24.f4 Bd4+ 25.Kh2 Nb3 -0.28/19

[25...Qc4̄ -0.64/21]

26.Be3= Bxc3 0.21/21

[26...Qc4̄ -0.58/17]

27.bxc3 Rxa4 28.Rxa4 Qxa4 29.f5

Qc4? 2.32/21

[29...Kg7!= 0.25/21 and Black stays
safe.]

30.fxg6? 0.42/16

[30.Bh6+- 2.32/21]

30...hxg6± 31.Bg5! Rb7 2.39/21

[31...Na1!± 0.33/19 32.Qa2 Qxc3]

32.Rf2+- Kg7 2.40/25

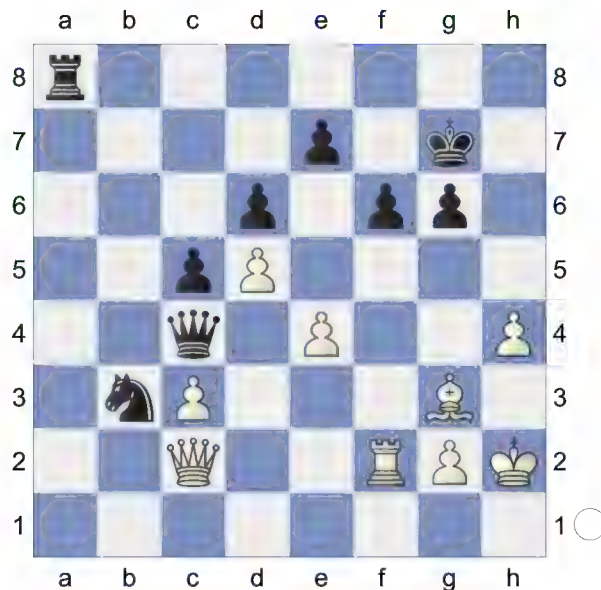
[32...Rb8 1.61/22 keeps fighting.]

33.Bf4? -0.01/21

[33.Rf4!+- 2.40/25]

33...f6= 34.h4 Rb8 35.Bg3 Ra8 0.80/24

[35...Na5= -0.01/25 remains equal.]

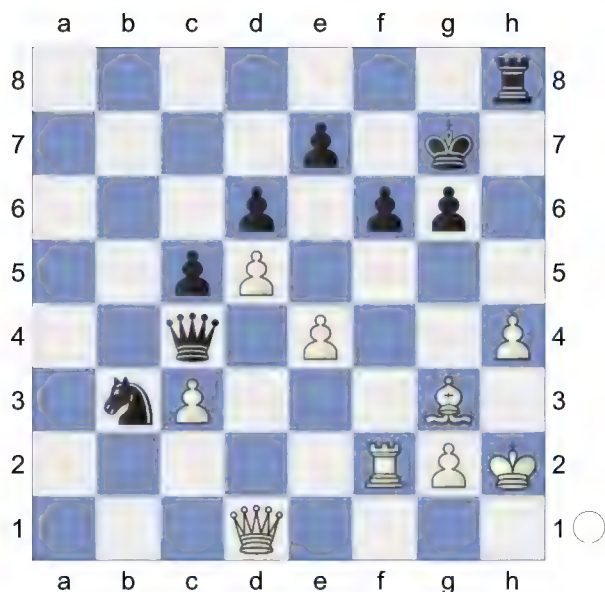


36.Qd1!± White stays focused until the end. 36...Rh8? 3.41/22

[36...Qxc3? 37.Rf3 Qc1 38.Qxb3+-]

[36...Qa4= 0.20/22]

(Diagram)



37.Qg4!+- Qxc3? 7.51/25

[37...Qa4 1.96/23]

38.Qe6 Kf8 39.Rf3 Qb2 40.Qc8+ Kg7

41.Qb7 Kf7 42.Rxb3 Qd4 43.Rb1

[43.Bxd6 Rxh4+ 44.Rh3 Qxe4=]

43...Qd3 7.16/24

[43...Qa4 4.15/19 44.Rf1 (44.Bxd6 Rxh4+ 45.Kg3 Rxe4=; 44.Re1 g5+-) 44...g5]

44.Ra1

[44.Bxd6? Rxh4+ 45.Kg1 Qe3+ 46.Kf1 Rh1#]

44...Qd4 45.Rf1 Hoping for Qd7. 45...g5

46.Qd7

[46.Bxd6? Rxh4+ 47.Kg3 Qe3+ 48.Rf3 Qe1+ 49.Rf2 Rxe4 50.Bxe7 (50.Qb2? Qh1+-) 50...Rxe7+-]

46...Qxe4 47.Re1 Skewer

[Inferior is 47.Bxd6 Rxh4+ 48.Kg1 Qd4+ 49.Rf2 Qd1+ 50.Rf1 Qd4+ 51.Rf2 Re4=]

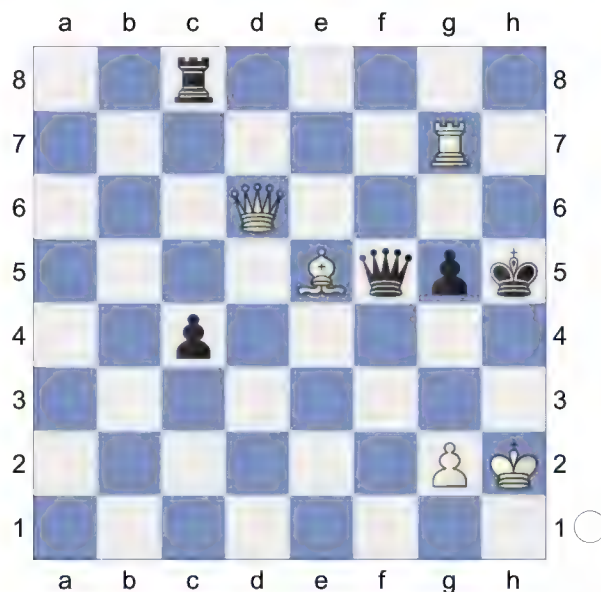
47...Qxd5 48.Rxe7+ Kg6 49.Rg7+ Kh6 50.Qe7 13.13/29

[50.Qxd6? is the wrong capture. Qxd6 51.Bxd6 Kxg7+-]

[50.h5 #12/28 Qe4 51.Qf7 (51.Bxd6 Qh4+ 52.Kg1 Qe1+ 53.Kh2 Qh4+ 54.Kg1 Qe1+ 55.Kh2

Qh4+=) 51...Qf5 52.Rg6+ (52.Bxd6 c4+-) 52...Kxh5 53.Rg8+ Discovered Attack (Check) (53.Qxf6 Qxf6 54.Rxf6 Kg4+-) 53...Kg4+ 54.Rxh8 Qe5 55.Bxe5]

50...Qf5 51.hxg5+ fxg5 52.Bxd6 c4 53.Be5 Rc8 54.Qd6+ Kh5



Weighted Error Value: White=0.56/ Black=1.10

55.g4+! Decoy

1-0

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A57

Barria Zuniga, Daniel

2341

Andrews, Todd D

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Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early b.. [Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Qc2 g6

[4...b4 5.e4 d6 6.Bd3 g6 7.Ne2 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nd2 e6 10.Ng3 exd5 11.cxd5 Nbd7 12.Nc4 Nb6 13.Bf4 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 Re8 15.Rad1 a5 16.Rfe1 Bb7 17.h3 Qc7 18.Nf1 Nd7 19.Ne3 1-0 (36) Edel, T (2404)- Buyakhin (1924) Borzomi (m/10) 42/

596 1986 (3.14)]

5.e4 d6 1.22/19

[5...bxc4± 0.44/20 6.Bxc4 Bg7]

6.cxb5N

[6.h3 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.cxb5 a6
9.Nc3 Ne8 10.Bd3 axb5 11.Nxb5
Na6 12.Qe2 Nb4 13.Bc4 Ba6
14.0-0 Bxb5 15.Bxb5 Rxa2 16.Rxa2
Nxa2 17.Bd2 Qb6 18.Re1 Nc7
19.Bc4 Nb4 20.Bc3 e6 1-0 (29)
Heredia,V (1919)-Needleman,A
(2271) ARG-ch sf 97th 2022 (1)]

[6.f4 Nbd7 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.Nc3 a6
9.h3 0-0 10.Be3 Ne8 11.Be2 Qb6
12.0-0 Nc7 13.Rab1 bxc4 14.Bxc4
a5 15.a4 Qb4 16.Bb5 c4 17.Na2
Qb3 18.Qc1 Nxb5 19.axb5 Qxa2
20.Nd2 Qa4 1-0 (38) Van der Zalm,M-
Karp,S ECI op U20 6th 1979 (9)]

6...Bg7 7.Nc3 7.Nf3 is not played
anymore. 7.Sf3 wird inzwischen seltener
gespielt. 7...0-0 8.a4 White is better.

8...e6N

[8...a6 9.Rb1 0.02/21 (9.Nf3±
1.21/19) 9...axb5 0.70/23 (9...e6=
0.02/21) 10.Bxb5± Ba6 0.97/20
(10...Qa5± 0.46/23) 11.Nf3 0.42/21
(Better is 11.b3± 0.97/20) 11...Bxb5±
12.axb5 Nbd7 13.h3 Ne8 14.0-0
and b4 would now be decisive Qa5
1.26/21 0-1 (55) Alonso Rosell,A
(2521)-Martin Fuentes,A (2297) ESP-
ch U18 Linares 2010 (6) (14...Rb8
0.78/20)]

9.dxe6 fxe6 1.76/20

[9...Bxe6± 0.91/21 10.Nf3 d5]

10.Nf3+- d5 11.Bg5 1.33/20

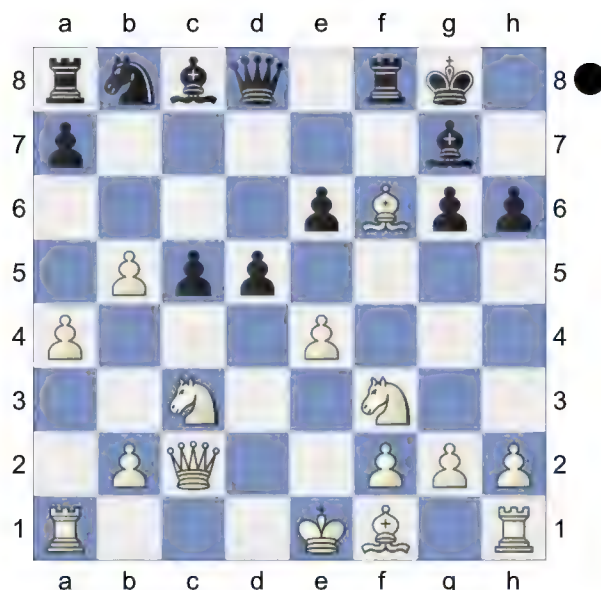
[11.Be2+- 1.79/19]

11...h6? 2.88/20

[11...Qa5± 1.33/20]

12.Bxf6

(Diagram)



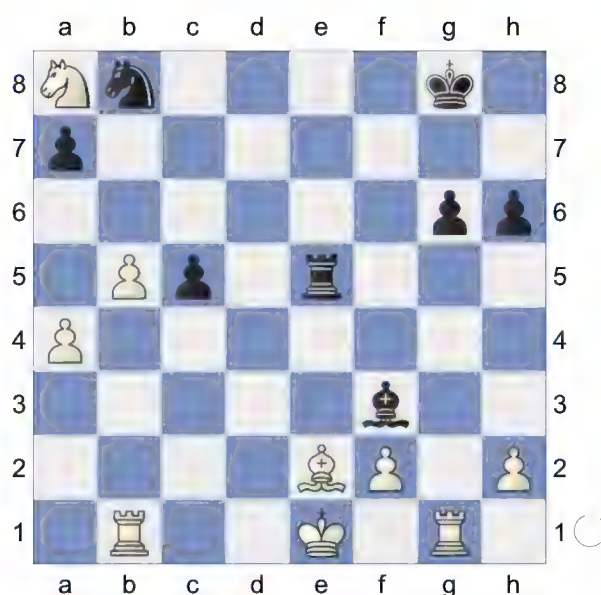
Remove Defender 12...Qxf6 13.exd5
exd5 5.03/20

[13...Nd7 2.32/18 14.Be2 exd5]

14.Nxd5 Discovered Attack. White is
clearly winning. 14...Re8+ 15.Be2
Qxb2 16.Qxb2 Bxb2 17.Rb1 Be5
8.19/21

[17...Bb7 4.61/19 18.Nc7 Bc3+
19.Kd1 Nd7 20.Nxe8 Rxe8]

18.Nxe5 Rxe5 19.Nc7 Bb7 20.Nxa8
Bxg2 21.Rg1 Bf3



22.Rb2! Bxa8

[22...Kg7 23.Nc7]

23.Rxg6+ Kh7 24.Rd6 Re7 25.Rbd2 c4 26.Kd1 c3 27.Rc2 Nd7 28.Rxc3 Nb6 29.Bd3+ Kg7 30.Rg6+ Kf7 31.Rxh6 Bf3+ 32.Kd2 Nxa4 33.Rh7+ Kf6 34.Rxe7 Nxc3 White took control after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=1.03

35.Rxa7

1-0

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A58

□ Mohota,Nisha

2330

■ Turov,Maxim

2584

8th Parsvnath Open (3)

15.01.2010

[Kitty Kat]

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5 bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.g3 d6 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.Rb1 Nb6 11.b3 Repels Bc4 11...Bb7 12.Nh4! 0-0

White is slightly better. 13.Bb2 0.30/19

[13.0-0± 0.75/19 Ne8 14.Bb2 Nc7 15.e4 Bxc3 16.Bxc3 Rxa2 17.Qc1 f6 18.b4 Na6 19.bxc5 Nxc5 20.Bd4 Nbd7 21.Qh6 Ba6 22.Nxg6 hxg6 23.Qxg6+ Kh8 24.Qh6+ Kg8 25.Qg6+ Kh8 26.Bh3 Qe8 27.Qh6+ Kg8 28.Rfc1 1-0 (40) Peralta,F (2603)-Cordova,E (2609) TCh-2014 Catalonia ESP (8.2)]

13...Qd7N 0.80/19

[13...Qc8= 0.30/19 remains equal.]

[13...Ng4 14.a4 Qd7 15.h3 Nf6 16.0-0]

14.0-0!± g5 15.Nf3 Nfxd5 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Nxg5 0.24/21

[17.Bxg7± 0.93/19 Kxg7 18.b4]

17...Qf5!=

[17...Bxg2?! 18.Qc2 (18.Kxg2

Bh6=) 18...f5 19.Bxg7 (19.Kxg2 Rxa2 20.Rfd1 Qc6+ 21.Kg1 d5) 19...Kxg7 20.Kxg2±]

18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.e4 Qxg5 20.exd5 Rxa2 21.b4! Nd7 22.bxc5 Nxc5

23.Rb4 f5 0.73/21 Repels Rg4

[23...h5= 0.26/21 might be stronger.]

24.Re1 0.02/20

[24.Rf4± 0.73/21]

24...Rf7 0.69/25

[Black should play 24...Rfa8= 0.02/20]

25.Rf4!± Ra3! 26.Re3 -0.01/19

Wards off Nd3

[White should try 26.Bh3± 0.67/22]

26...Rxe3= 27.fxe3 Nd7 28.Qd4+ Ne5

29.Bf3 Rf6 White should prevent ...Ng6.

30.Bd1 Ng6 31.Rf3 h5 32.Kf2

[32.h4!? Qg4□ 33.Qxg4 hxg4 34.Rf2=]

32...Qg4 33.Be2 Kf7 34.Ke1

[34.Rf4? Qh3 35.Kg1 h4-+ (35...Nxf4 36.Qxf4 h4 37.Qg5)]

[34.Kf1 Qxd4 35.exd4 f4 36.Kg2]

34...Qg5

[34...Kf8 35.e4 Qxe4 36.Qxe4 fxe4 37.Rxf6+ exf6 38.Bxh5 Ne7]

35.Kd2

[35.h4 simplifies Qg4 36.Qxg4 hxg4 37.Rf1]

35...h4 36.gxh4 Qg2 37.h5 Ne5

38.Rg3 Qxh2 39.Qf4 Rg7+! would now be deadly. 39...Qh1↑ Black is pushing.

The board is on fire. 40.Qd4 -0.66/23

[40.e4!= -0.01/21]

(Diagram)

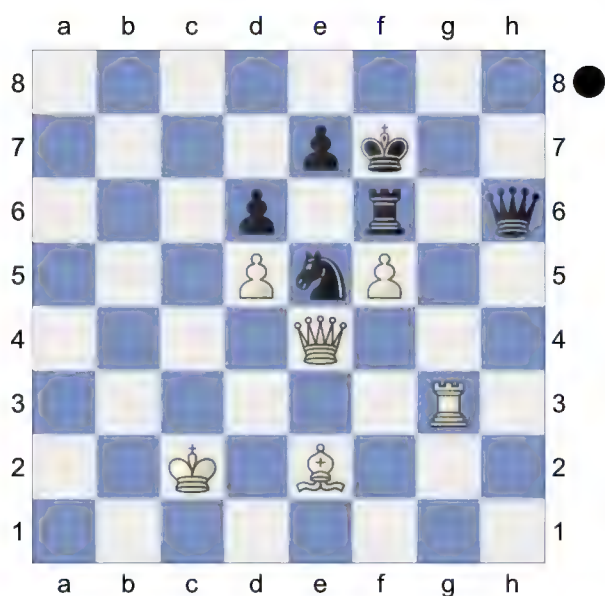


40...Ng4! 41.e4! Qxh5

[41...Qxe4? loses. 42.Qxe4 fxe4
43.Bxg4+-]

42.exf5 Qh6+ 43.Kc2 Ne5 44.Qe4
-1.21/22

[44.Qe3 -0.60/22]



44...Qh2 -0.54/22

[44...Qh7! -1.21/22 and ...Rh6!
should not be overlooked 45.Qf4
Qxf5+ 46.Qxf5 Rxf5]

45.Rg2 -1.13/21

[45.Qg2! -0.54/22 Qxg2 46.Rxg2]

45...Qh3 46.Bg4 Qh7 Black is more
active. **47.Rf2? -3.02/20**

[47.Be2 -1.10/21]

47...Rh6+ 48.Bf3? -6.37/21

[48.Be2 -2.40/20]

48...Kf6 49.Be2? -5.56/19

[49.Bd1 -3.36/21]

49...Rh2? -0.47/19

[49...Rh4+ -5.56/19 50.Qe3 Qg8]

50.Rf4 -7.79/23

[50.Rxh2 -0.47/19 Qxh2 51.Kb2]

50...Qh6 51.Rf1 Rh4 52.Qg2 Rd4?
-1.99/22

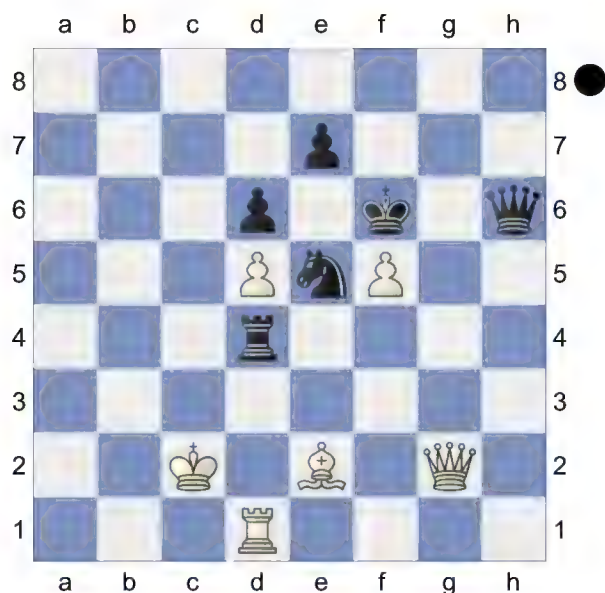
[52...Qe3 -9.32/22 53.Rf3 Nxf3

54.Qg6+ Ke5 55.Qe6+ Kd4

(55...Kf4? 56.Qxe3+ Kxe3

57.Ba6+) 56.Qxe3+ Kxe3]

53.Rd1



Qf4 -0.45/20

[53...Rxd1!+ -1.99/20 54.Bxd1 Qh4

(54...Kxf5 55.Kb1 -)]

54.Bd3? -14.22/26

[54.Rxd4 -0.45/20 Qxd4 55.Qg8]

54...Rxd3 Remove Defender 55.Rxd3

**Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/
Black=0.45**

55...Qc4+

0-1

117 **A57**□ **Paulsen,Dirk** 2317■ **Avila Pavas,Santiago** 2511Titled Tuesday intern op 07th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]**A57: Benko/Volga Gambit****1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3 g6 6.e4 Bg7** was the old line (6...d6). war die alte Variante (6...d6).

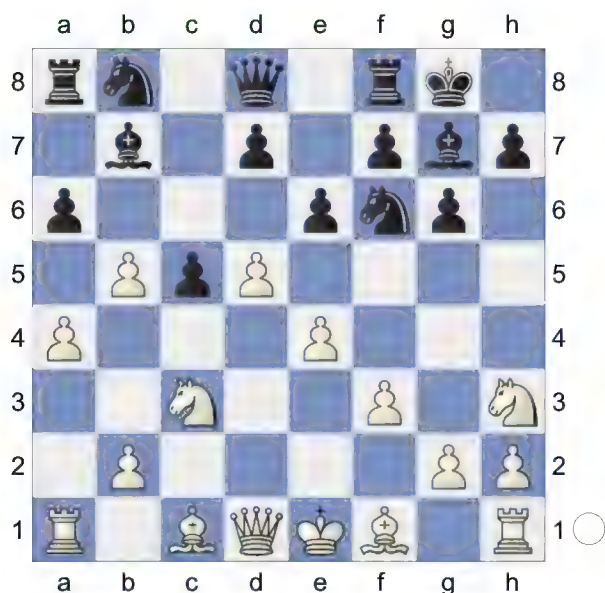
[6...d6 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Nge2 Nbd7 10.Bf4 Nh5 11.Be3 Ne5 12.0-0 Nxd3 13.Qxd3 axb5 14.Qd2 b4 15.Nd1 Ba6 16.Re1 Bc4 17.Nc1 Ra6 18.Qc2 Bb5 19.Rb1 Be5 20.Qd2 e6 21.Bg5 0-1 (30) Montiel Marin,M (1880)-Maggiolo,E (1922) ARG-ch (Women) 75th 2024 (7)]

7.Nc3 0-0 8.a4 e6 1.16/19

[8...d6± 0.55/16]

9.d6N 0.64/19

[9.Nh3 -0.01/18 9...d6 0.99 Bb7 1.15/17 (9...exd5= -0.01/18 keeps the balance. 10.Nxd5 Bb7)

10.dxe6!± fxe6 11.Be3 d5? 2.53/17
(11...Qe7± 0.66/16) 12.Bxc5+- Re8
13.Be2 Nbd7 2.50/18 (13...dxe41.78/16 was worth a try. 14.Qxd8 Rxd8) 14.Bf2 dxe4 15.0-0 1.35/19
(15.fxe4+- 2.44/17 and 0-0 should not be overlooked Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Bxe4 17.0-0) 15...axb5± 16.Nxb5 0-1 (58) Mamedyarov,S (2752)-Carlsen,M (2714) Wch Blitz 2nd 2007 (29) Ne5 17.Nd6 exf3 18.Nxb7 fxe2 19.Qxe2 Qd5 20.Nc5 Neg4 21.Rad1 Qc6 22.b4 Nxf2 23.Qxf2 Nd5 24.b5 Qb6 25.Na6 Qxf2+ 26.Rxf2 Nc3 27.Rd7 Red8 28.Rfd2 Bd4+ 29.R2xd4 Ne2+ 30.Kf2 Nxd4 31.Rxd8+ 0-1 (58) Mamedyarov,S (2752)-Carlsen,M (2714) Wch Blitz 2007 (29)]

[9.dxe6± 1.16/19 dxe6 10.Be3]

9...Nh5 1.43/18

[9...Ne8± 0.64/19]

10.Nge2? -0.37/18

[10.Be3± 1.43/18]

10...Bb7 0.67/18

[10...axb5!± -0.37/18 11.Nxb5 f5]

11.Be3± f5**12.exf5! Rxf5 13.Qd2? -1.65/20**

[13.h4!± 0.68/19]

13...axb5+ 14.Nxb5 -2.31/18

[14.Ng3± -0.87/18 Nxg3 15.hxg3]

14...Na6? -0.36/18

[14...Rd5+ -2.31/18 15.Qc1 Nc6]

15.Ng3? -2.49/20

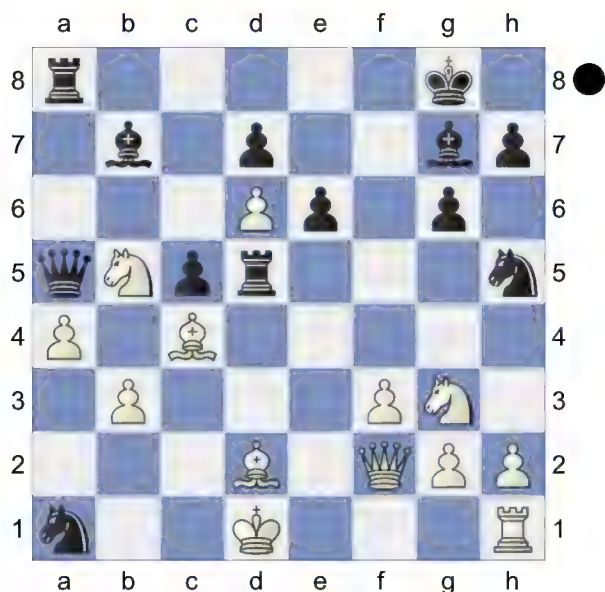
[Better is 15.Nec3 -0.36/18]

15...Rd5 Black has strong compensation. 16.Qf2 -6.58/21

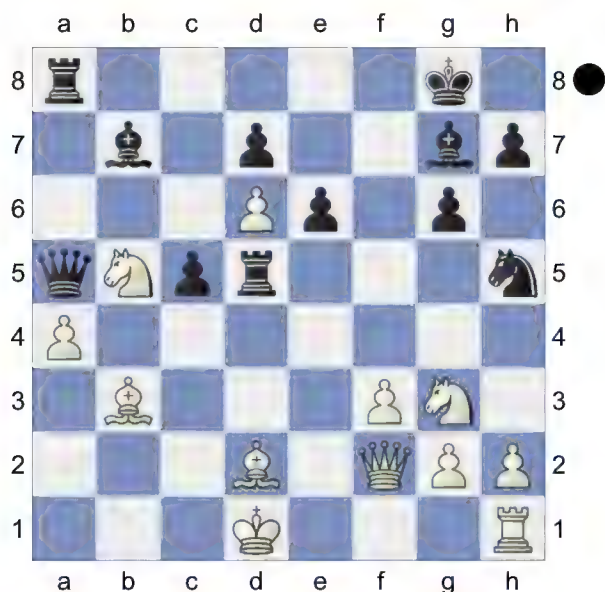
[16.Qc1 -1.84/20 Qh4 17.Qc4]

16...Qa5+ Black is clearly winning.

17.Bd2 Nb4 and ...Nc2+ should not be overlooked 18.Bc4 Nc2+ 19.Kd1 Nxa1 20.b3



Nxb3! 21.Bxb3



Weighted Error Value: White=1.61/

Black=0.41

21...c4!

0-1

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A58

Olhovik, Andrei

2282

Alonso Rosell, Alvar

2544

Titled Tuesday intern op 07th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5 bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.e4 0.46/21 8.g3 is vanishing. 8.g3 scheint zu verschwinden.

[8.Nd2 -0.01/21 8.a7 0.89 Bxa6 0.40/22 (8...Nxa6= -0.01/21 was preferable. 9.e4 e6) 9.e4± Bxf1! 10.Nxf1 Qa5! 11.Bd2 0.15/21 (11.Nd2± 0.51/20) 11...d6 0.51/22 (11...Qb4= 0.15/21) 12.Ne3 Qa6 13.Qe2 Nbd7 14.Qxa6 0.28/19 (14.a4± 0.80/21) 14...Rxa6= 15.Ke2 Nb6 1.19/19 (15...Nh5± 0.38/21) 16.Kd3 0.34/22 (16.a4± 1.19/19) 16...Nfd7 17.f4 -0.10/21 (17.Kc2!± 0.54/19) 17...c4+= 18.Kc2 Nc5

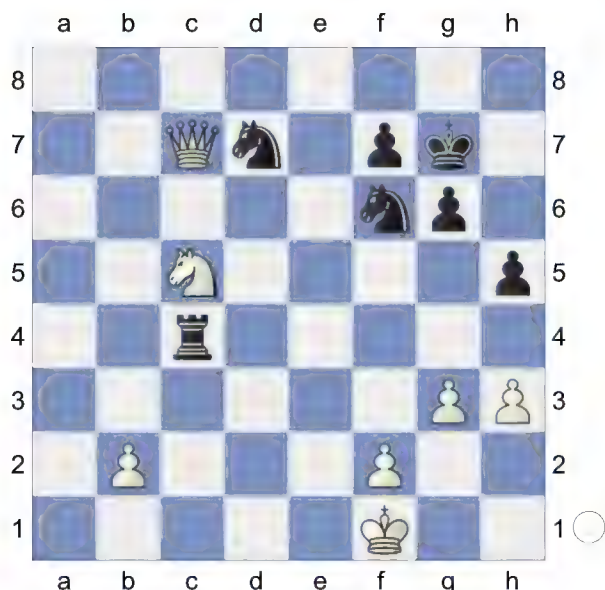
(Diagram)



19.e5 -1.07/21 (19.g4!= 0.01/18 keeps the balance.) 19...dxe5 20.f5 e4 21.Rhf1 -1.45/19 (21.g4 -0.82/19) 21...Rfa8 -0.70/17 (Black should try 21...Rd8 21...Nd3 would now be deadly. 22.g4 Nd3) 22.fxg6? -2.77/22 (22.a3! 22...hxg6 0-1 (43) Olhovik,A (2283)-Alonso Rosell,A (2562) Titled Tuesday intern op 09th Apr Early blitz 2024 (6)] [8.a7± 0.84/21 Rxa7 9.e4] 8...Qa5!± 9.Nd2 Bxa6 10.Be2 0.16/22 [10.Bxa6± 0.69/20 Qxa6 11.Qe2] 10...d6= 11.0-0↑ White has some pressure. 11...Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Threatening Nc4. 12...Nbd7 13.Nc4 Qa6 14.a4 Rfb8 15.Bd2 -0.01/25 [15.Ra3!± 0.35/23] 15...Rb4N 1.52/22 [15...Ne5 16.Nb5? -2.58/24 (16.Nxe5= 0.21/22 Qxe2 Overworked Piece 17.Nxe2 Nxe4 18.Nc4 Nxd2 19.Nxd2 Rxb2 20.Rad1) 16...Rxb5+- 17.axb5 Qxa1 18.Nb6 Ra7 19.Nc8 aiming for b6. Qa2 -1.04/20 (19...Ra4+- -2.26/23 20.f4 Qxb2 21.Nxe7+ Kf8 22.fxe5

Rxe4) 20.Nxa7 21.Bc3 Nfd7 -0.99/19 0-1 (36) Pantelic,S (2312)-Nestorovic,N (2439) Vojvodina-ch 5th 2014 (7) (21...Ned7 -1.57/20 22.h3 Qa4) 22.Qd1 Nc4 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.b3 Ncb6 25.Qd2 f6 26.Qc3 Qa2 27.Ra1 Qe2 28.h3 Kf7 29.Re1 Qxb5 30.f4 Qb4 31.Qg3 Qd4+ 32.Kh2 c4 33.bxc4 Nxc4 34.Qg4 Nc5 35.Qf3 Nd2 36.Qe3 Nf1+ 0-1 Pantelic,S (2312)-Nestorovic,N (2439) Vojvodina-ch 5th 2014 (7)] [15...Ne5= -0.01/25 16.Nxe5 Qxe2 Deflection 17.Nxe2 Nxe4 (17...dxe5 18.Nc3±)] 16.Nb5± Rxa4 17.Nc7! White is more active. 17...Rxa1 18.Nxa6 R8xa6 2.62/19 [18...R1xa6± 1.16/20 19.e5 Nxd5] 19.g3 1.43/18 [White should play 19.Na3+- 2.62/19 Rxf1+ 20.Kxf1] Loses the game. 19...Rxf1+? 3.58/19 [19...R1a4± 1.43/18 20.Bc3 h5] 20.Kxf1+- Nb6 5.03/20 [20...Ra8 3.20/18 is a better defense. 21.Na5 h6] 21.Na5 Ra8 22.Nc6 Kf8 23.Bc3 Nfd7 24.Bxg7+ Kxg7 25.Nxe7 Re8 26.Nc6 Nxd5 27.Qd2 N5f6 28.Qxd6? 1.57/23 [28.f3+- 4.23/23 is more deadly.] 28...Rxe4 29.Nd8 h5 2.50/19 [29...h6 1.73/22 30.Qd3 Ne5] 30.h3 Re8 31.Nb7 Re6 3.02/21 [31...Re5 1.61/22 32.Qd2 Rd5] 32.Qc7 Re4? 5.81/21 [32...Re5 2.80/20 is a better chance. 33.Kg2 Rd5] 33.Nxc5 White is clearly winning. 33...Rc4

(Diagram)



34.Ne6+ Discovered Attack 34...fxe6
 Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/
 Black=0.66

35.Qxc4
 1-0

119 A58
 □ Toktomushev, Teimur **2274**
 ■ Nigalidze, Gaioz **2370**

Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early ..
 [Kitty Kat]

A58: Benko/Volga Gambit: Lines with 5 bxa6

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 e6 6.dxe6 fxe6 7.Nf3 0.16/20

[7.Nc3± 0.63/20]

7...d5 0.53/19

[7...Bxa6= 0.16/20 8.g3 Be7]

8.g3 0.05/20

[8.e3± 0.53/19 deserves
 consideration.]

8...Bd6 0.44/19

[8...Be7= 0.05/20]

9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Nc6 has lost
 popularity (10...Bxa6).verliert an
 Beliebtheit (10...Lxa6).

[10...Bxa6 11.Nbd2 Nc6 12.Re1 c4
 13.Nf1 Rb8 14.Rb1 Ne4 15.Be3
 Qf6 16.Qc2 Nb4 17.Qd1 c3 18.bxc3
 Nxc3 19.Qd2 Nxb1 20.Rxb1 Rfc8
 21.Bd4 Qg6 22.Rb2 Rc2 23.Rxc2
 Qxc2 24.Qe3 Qe4 25.Qxe4
 0-1 (51) Perez Ponsa,F (2554)-Dubov,
 D (2714) Online Olym Top DivC 2021
 rapid (6.4)]

[10...Nxa6 11.Nc3 Bb7 12.e4 Be7
 13.Ng5 Nc7 14.Bh3 d4 15.Nxe6
 Nxe6 16.Bxe6+ Kh8 17.Nd5 Ra6
 18.Bh3 Nxd5 19.exd5 Qxd5 20.f3
 c4 21.Bg2 Bc5 22.Kh1 Rg6 23.Bf4
 d3 24.Qd2 Rgf6 25.Rae1
 1-0 (54) Kravitz,N (2567)-Gligoric
 Taimanov Variation,W (2474) Saint
 John (Game 1) 1988 (3.1)]

11.Nc3 Bxa6N

[11...Rxa6]

12.Re1! d4 0.84/17

[12...Qc7!= 0.23/17 keeps the
 balance.]

13.Ng5!± Discovered Attack 13...Qe8N
1.38/19

[Vorgänger: 13...Qd7 14.Nce4 Nxe4
1.09/18 (Δ14...h6 **0.71/18**) 15.Nxe4±
 Bb7 **1.32/16** (Δ15...Bc4 **0.93/18**)
 16.Nxd6 **0.90/16** (Δ16.Bf4 **1.32/16**
 Be7 17.Rc1) 16...Qxd6± 17.Bf4
0.64/20 (White should try 17.Bd2±
 1.09/19) 17...Qe7!± 18.Rc1
 and Qc2 should not be overlooked e5!
 19.Qb3+ Rf7! **1-0 Falatowicz,P**
 (2314)-Grohde,W (2489) W-ch31 sf06
 email 2007]

[13...Qd7± 0.66/19]

14.Nce4± Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Be7 1.60/19

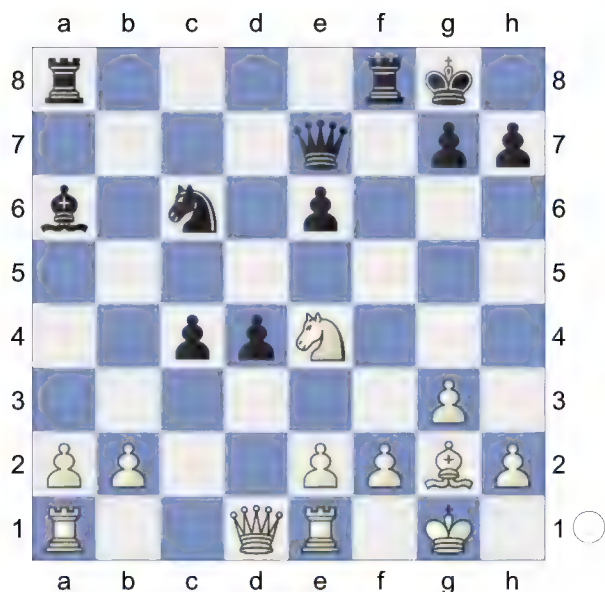
[Δ15...Qd7 **1.19/18** 16.b3 Bb7]

16.Bg5 c4 17.Bxe7 1.31/21

[17.Qa4+- **1.70/19**]

17...Qxe7

(Diagram)



18.Rc1 0.28/19

[18.Qa4!+- 1.77/19 Rfc8 19.a3]

18...Bb5 1.90/22

[18...Rab8= 0.28/19 and Black stays safe.]

19.b3 0.73/23

[19.Nd2+- 1.90/22]

19...Rxa2 1.32/24

[Better is 19...c3 0.73/23]

20.bxc4 Ba4 21.Qd3 Rd8? 5.18/19

[21...Nb4± 0.90/19 22.Qxd4 Nc2 23.Rxc2 (23.Qd2 Rd8±) 23...Rxc2]

22.c5+- e5 9.59/18

[Δ22...Ne5 4.58/18]

23.Nd6 Qe6 24.Ra1 Nb4 25.Qe4 Bc6

26.Qh4 Rda8 8.16/23

[Δ26...Rf8 4.51/21 27.Bxc6 Rxa1 28.Rxa1 Nxc6]

27.Rxa2 Qxa2 28.Bxc6 Nxc6 29.Qe4

Ra6 30.Nf5 Qe6 31.e3 g6 8.10/21

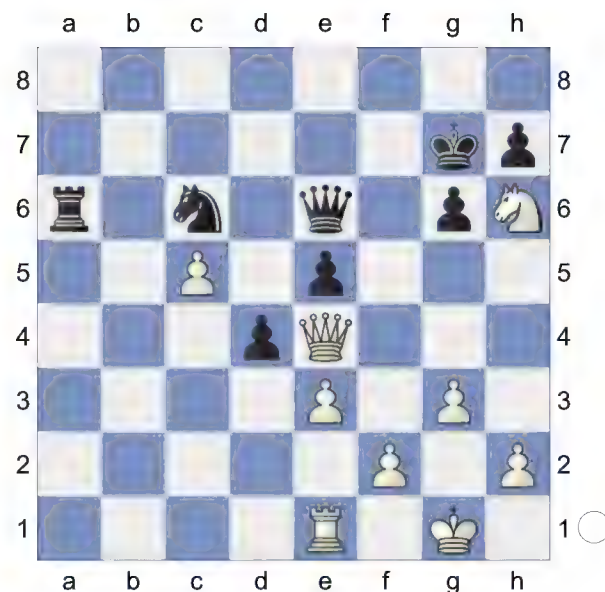
[Δ31...dxe3 4.71/19 32.Rxe3 (32.Nxe3 Ra5±) 32...h5]

32.Nh6+? 1.60/22

[32.Nxd4+- 8.10/21 Qc4 Pin 33.Rb1 (33.Qc2 Qxc2 34.Nxc2 Ra5±)]

32...Kg7±

(Diagram)



33.Ng4 -0.51/20

[White has to play 33.exd4!+- 2.62/25

Ra4 34.Nf7 (34.Ng4 Rxd4 35.Qg2 Rxc4=) 34...Rxd4 35.Ng5]

33...h5!± 34.exd4! Deflection

34...Nxd4? 6.30/24

[34...Qxc4± -0.59/22 35.Qxc4 hxc4]

35.Nxe5+- White is clearly winning.

35...Nf5 36.Nf3 Qxe4 37.Rxe4 Rc6

38.Rc4 Ne7 6.88/22

[Δ38...Kf6 4.71/20 39.Rc2 g5]

39.Nd4 Rc7 40.Ne6+ Kf6

Weighted Error Value: White=0.98/ Black=1.20

41.Nxc7

1-0

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A57

□ Jarocka,Liwia

2261

■ Batsiashvili,Nino

2476

Wch Blitz (Women) (2)

30.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6

5.e3 e6 6.dxe6 fxe6 7.Nc3 d5 8.Nf3!

Be7 8...c4 is vanishing.8...c4 scheint zu

verschwinden. **9.Be2** White is better.

9...0-0 10.0-0 axb5

[10...Bb7 11.a4 Bd6 12.bxa6 Nxa6
13.Qb3 Qc8 14.Rd1 c4 15.Qc2 Nc5
16.Bxc4 Bxh2+ 17.Nxh2 dxc4
18.Nb5 Nb3 19.Ra3 Qc6 20.f3
Rad8 21.Nf1 e5 22.Bd2 e4 23.f4
Ng4 24.Bb4 Rfe8 25.Nd6
1-0 (43) Liu,H (1928)-Tosic,N (2050)
Pozarevac Rudar FM2 12 2024 (7)]

11.Bxb5 0.38/18

[11.Nxb5± 0.81/19 Nc6 12.Bd2]

11...Bb7!± 12.b3N 0.20/20

[12.a4± 0.72/16]

[12.Qe2 Nbd7 (12...Nc6 13.Rd1
Qc7 14.h3 Rad8 15.Bd3 Nb4
16.Bb1 Ba6 17.Qe1 Nd7 18.a3 Nc6
19.Nh2 c4 20.Bd2 Nc5 21.Ne2 e5
22.Bc3 Nb3 23.Ba2 Nxa1 24.Rxa1
d4 25.Bd2 Kh8 26.Ng3 Qb6
27.Rb1 0-1 (52) Kukhmazov,A (2482)-
Demidov,M (2571) TCh-Premier 2022
(5.1)) 13.Rd1 Bd6 14.e4 d4 15.Bc4
Kh8 16.Ng5 Qb8 17.Nb1 Bxh2+
18.Kh1 Ne5 19.Bxe6 Ba6 20.Qc2
h6 21.Nh3 Neg4 22.f3 Ne3 23.Bxe3
dxe3 24.Nc3 Nh5 25.g4 Ng3+
26.Kg2 e2 0-1 (31) Baumann-Decker,
M WT/M ca. 1975]

12...Bd6 13.Bb2 -0.02/18

[13.Be2± 0.45/17 was preferable.]

13...e5N 0.69/16

[13...Qe7 0.70/18 13...Ng4 -0.01
14.Bd3 -0.17/19 (White should try
14.Ne2± 0.70/18) 14...Nc6= 15.e4
-1.17/20 (15.Rc1= -0.01/19) 15...Ne5
-0.09/21 (15...d4± -1.17/20 16.Nb5
Bb8) 16.exd5 -1.09/22 (16.Nxe5=
-0.09/21 Bxe5 17.exd5) 16...exd5
0.30/20 (16...Nxd3± -1.09/22
17.Qxd3 Ba6) 17.Re1= Rae8?
4.42/22 (17...Nfd7= 0.01/22
and Black is okay.) 18.Nxe5+- Bxe5

19.Nxd5! Bxh2+ 20.Kxh2 1-0 (37)
Postny,E (2600)-Gelman,A (2403)
Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Apr blitz
2020 (8)]

[13...Ng4!= -0.02/18]

14.Ne2? -1.18/19

[14.Nh4± 0.69/16 keeps the upper
hand.]

14...e4!± 15.Ne5 -2.53/21

[15.Bxf6± -1.02/18 Qxf6 16.Nd2]

**15...Qe7+- 16.f4 Strongly threatening
Ng3. 16...exf3 17.Nxf3 Qxe3+ -1.09/19**

[17...Ng4+- -2.53/19 18.Qc1 Na6
(18...Nxe3? 19.Rf2±; 18...Qxe3+
19.Qxe3 Nxe3 20.Rfc1±)]

18.Kh1±



Ne4 -1.02/18 Black is more active.

[18...Na6! -1.60/19 and ...Ne4
should not be overlooked 19.Bc1
Qe7]

19.Qe1? -4.44/21

[19.Qc1± -1.02/18 is tougher. Qxc1
20.Nxc1]

(Diagram)



19...Qh6!-+ 20.Ne5 -6.94/21

[20.h3 -3.74/18 Nc6 21.a3]

20...Na6? -1.02/21

[20...Nc6-+ -6.94/21 and Black stays clearly on top. 21.Ng4 Rxf1+ 22.Qxf1 Qe6]

21.Ng3± Rxf1+

[21...Nxc3+ is more complex. 22.Qxc3 Nc7 23.Bd3 Qh5]

22.Nxf1?? -5.70/19

[22.Bxf1± -0.89/20 was the crucial defense. Nxc3+ 23.Qxc3]

22...Rf8? -2.01/17

[22...Nb4 -5.70/19 23.Rb1 Rxa2 (23...Nxa2? 24.Ng3±)]

23.Nf3? -6.11/19

[23.Ng3 -2.01/17 Nf2+ 24.Kg1]

23...Nb4-+ 24.Rd1 d4 25.a3 Nc2

26.Qe2 Ne3 Deflection 27.Nxe3 Ng3+

[27...Qxe3 28.Qxe3 dxe3 29.Bc4+ Kh8 30.Kg1±]

28.Kg1 Nxe2+ 29.Kf2 Qxe3+ 30.Kf1 Rxf3+ -34.96/5

[30...Bxf3 -#4/10 31.gxf3 Rxf3+ 32.Kg2 Rf2+ 33.Kh1 Rxh2#]

Weighted Error Value: White=1.66/ Black=0.77

31.Ke1

0-1

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A59

□ Muir, Andrew Joseph

2214

■ Alcindor, Samuel

1927

Hastings Masters op 98th (5) 31.12.2024

[Kitty Kat]

A59: Benko/Volga Gambit: White castles by hand

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.e4 Bxf1 8.Kxf1 d6 9.g3 Nbd7 10.Kg2 Bg7 11.Nf3 0-0 12.a4 Ra6 1.20/19

[12...Qb6 0.82/18]

13.Qc2 Qa8 14.Nb5 White is better. was the old line (14.Re1).war die alte Variante (14.Te1). 14...Rc8 Prevents Nc7. 15.Ra3N

[15.Re1 Nb6 16.Nc3 Nfd7 17.Bg5 Bxc3 18.Qxc3 f6 19.a5 fxg5 20.axb6 Rxa1 21.b7 Qxb7 22.Rxa1 g4 23.Nd2 Nf6 24.Ra5 Rb8 25.b3 Qb4 26.Qxb4 Rxb4 27.Ra4 Rb7 28.Kf1 Nd7 29.Ke2 Ne5 1/2-1/2 (48) Flear,G (2460)-Vaisser,A (2530) FRA-chT Top 12 2015 (7.4) 30.Ke3 Nf3 31.h4 Nxd2 32.Kxd2 Rxb3 33.Ra7 Kf8 34.Rc7 Rf3 35.Ke2 Rc3 36.Kd2 Rc4 37.Kd3 Rd4+ 38.Ke3 Kf7 39.e5 Ke8 40.exd6 exd6 41.Rxh7 Rxd5 42.Rg7 c4 43.Rxg6 c3 44.Rg8+ Kd7 1/2-1/2 (48) Flear,G (2460)-Bergez, L (2327) FRA-chT Top 12 2015 (4.7)]

[15.Bd2 c4 (15...Nb6 16.b3 c4 17.a5 cxb3 18.Qxb3 Nbd7 19.Rae1 Nc5 20.Qd1 Nfxe4 21.Be3 Rxa5 22.Bxc5 Nxc5 23.Nbd4 Qxd5 24.Rxe7 Bf6 25.Re3 Ra2 26.Rhe1 Kg7 27.Nb5 Qxd1 28.Rxd1 Nb7 29.Rd2 Rxd2 30.Nxd2 0-1 (66)]

Ruchinskaya, V (1880)-Khodko, Y (2354) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Feb Late blitz 2025 (2) 16.Nfd4 Nxd5 17.exd5 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd5+ 19.f3 Qxd4 20.Bc3 Qd5 21.h4 Ne5 22.Qe2 Qd3 23.Qf2 h5 24.Rhe1 Qf5 25.Re4 Nd3 26.Qe3 e5 27.g4 hxg4 28.fxg4 Qe6 29.Qg5 d5 1/2-1/2 (35) Chigogidze, K (2711)-Ferragut, A (2638) USSR (ch) 5/504 1967]

15...c4 1.40/21

[15...Nb6 0.87/21]

16.Nfd4 0.86/19

[16.Rd1! 1.40/21]

16...Nc5± 17.Nc6 0.07/23

[17.Qxc4 Nxc4 18.Nc6 Raxc6 (18...Nxd5 19.Qxe4 Qxc6 20.Rf3=)

19.dxc6 Rxc6+]

[17.f3± 1.29/22]

17...Kf8N 1.68/21

[17...Rcxc6 1.25/20 17...Bf8 0.22

18.dxc6 Qxc6? 3.72/19

(Black should try 18...Rxc6± 0.70/20

19.f3 Nd3) 19.Qxc4+- And now b4

would win. Nfxe4 20.f3 Nf6 21.b4

e5 22.bxc5 d5 23.Qb4 Nd7 24.Nd6

Bf8 25.Qb7 Qxc5 26.Qxa6 Qc2+

27.Kh3 Nf6 28.Qc8 Qe2 29.Bh6

1-0 Reichardt, R (1936)-Van Hoorn, G

(2008) NED-ch U20 Assen 2018 (2)]

[17...Bf8!= 0.07/23]

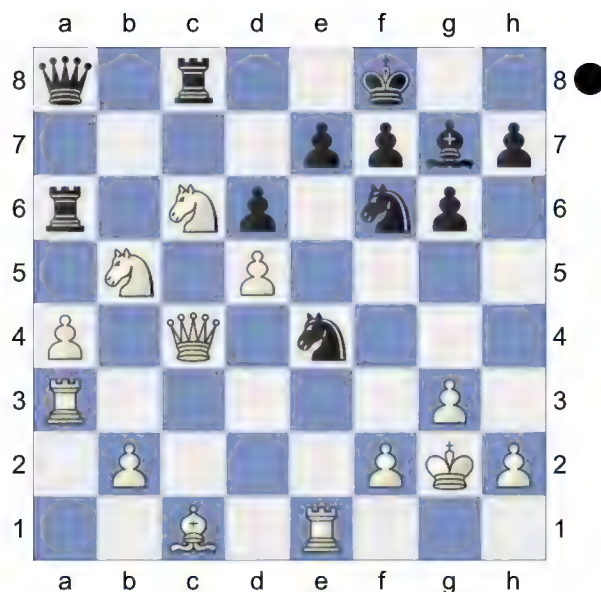
18.Qxc4? -0.27/20

[18.f3!+- 1.68/21]

18...Ncxe4= 19.Re1 -1.50/24

[19.Qe2= -0.03/21]

(Diagram)



19...e6!±

[19...Nxd5 20.Qxe4 Qxc6 21.Rf3=]

20.Qb4? -4.02/20

[20.Rxe4? exd5 (20...Nxd5

21.Bg5±) 21.Qd4 Raxc6+

(21...Nxe4 22.Bh6=; 21...dxe4?

22.Qxd6+ Kg8 23.Ne7+ Kh8

24.Nxc8+)]

[20.Qe2± -1.21/23 Nxd5 21.Qxe4

(21.Nba7? Rcxc6 22.Nxc6 Nc5+-)

21...Raxc6 22.Ra1]

20...Nxd5? -1.21/18

[20...Nc5+- -4.02/20 has better

winning chances. 21.Qd4 (21.Nxd6?

Nxd5 22.Qc4 Qxc6+) 21...Nxd5

Discovered Attack]

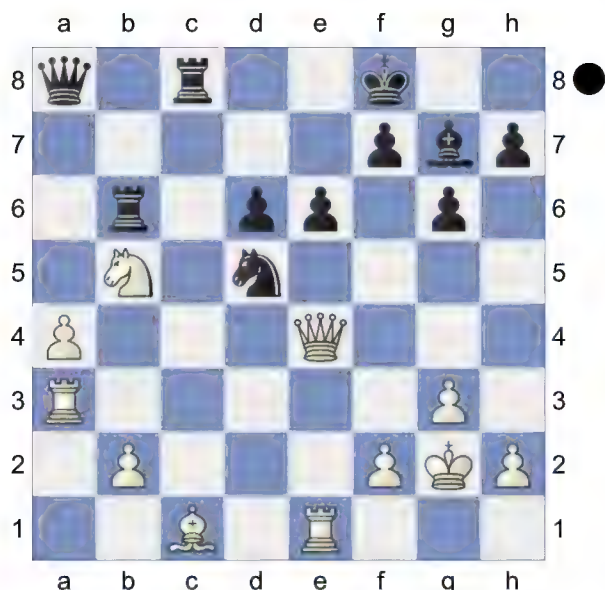
21.Qxe4 Raxc6 22.Ra1 -2.37/19

[22.Bf4± -1.10/20]

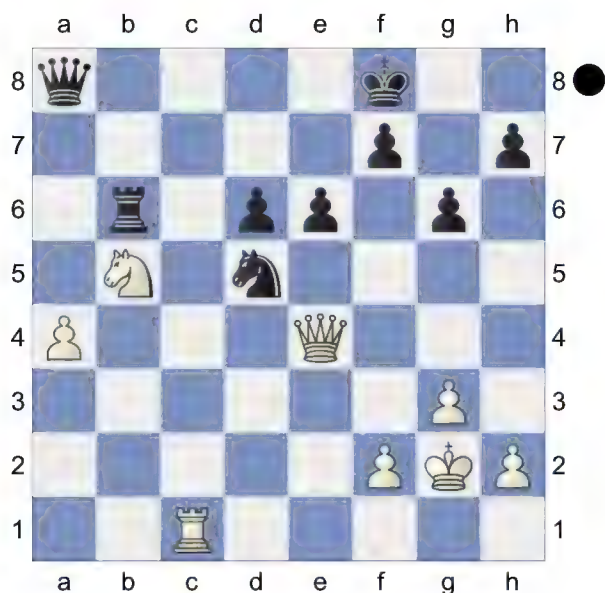
22...Rb6+ 23.Ra3? -4.50/23

[23.Bd2 -2.02/18 might work better.]

(Diagram)



23...Rxc1! Decoy 24.Rxc1 Bxb2
25.Rac3 Bxc1 26.Rxc1



Ra6! 27.Qf3? -6.18/20
 [27.Ra1 -3.85/24 f5 Overworked Piece 28.Qf3]
27...Rxa4 (-> ...Ne3+!) 28.Kg1 Ra1
29.Rxa1 Qxa1+ Endgame KQN-KQN.
Black is two pawns up. 30.Kg2 Qe5
31.Qd3 Kg7 32.Nd4 Qg5 33.Qe4
Inhibits Nf4+. 33...Nf6 34.Qe2 Qd5+
35.Nf3 Ng4 36.Kg1 h5 37.h3 Nf6
38.h4 Qe4 39.Qd1 Qd5? 0.01/20
 [39...Ng4+-7.79/22 40.Qa1+ e5]

40.Qe2!= Qe4? 0.01/20

[40...Ng4+-7.32/24 41.Qb2+ e5]
41.Qd1 d5 42.Ng5 Qf5 43.Qa1 e5
44.Qa7 Ne4 45.Qe3 Nxg5 46.hxg5+-
KQ-KQ. Black is two pawns up. 46...d4
47.Qd2 Qf3 48.Qa5 Qe2 49.Qd8
Qe1+ 50.Kg2 Qe4+ 51.Kg1 Qf5
52.Kg2 Qe6 53.f4 Kh7 54.Qf8 Qd5+
55.Kf2 e4 Threatens to win with ...
Qa2+. 56.Qe7 Qa2+ 57.Ke1 e3 58.f5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.98/
Black=0.31

58...Qd2+? 0.00/6 Loss on time!?

[58...Qf2+ -#2/6 mates 59.Kd1
 Qd2#]
0-1

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□ **Toniutti,Ezio**

A57

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■ **Carlsen,Magnus**

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Titled Tue 21st May Late blitz (7) 21.5.24
 [Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.e3 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.a4
d6 0.99/19

[Black should play 8...Bb7!± 0.49/18]

9.Bd2

[9.h3 Nbd7 10.e4 axb5 11.Bxb5
 Ba6 12.Bg5 Bxb5 13.axb5 Qc7
 14.0-0 Nb6 15.Qe2 h6 16.Be3 Kh7
 17.Nd2 e6 18.dxe6 fxe6 19.Nc4
 Nfd7 20.Rxa8 Rxa8 21.Rd1 Nxc4
 22.Qxc4 Re8 23.Qd3 Bf8
 1-0 (33) Sorensen,H (2479)-
 Magnussen,P (1829) Stockholm Elite
 Hotels GP 2023 (1)]

9...Nbd7N

[9...Bb7 10.Bc4 axb5 11.axb5 Nbd7
 12.0-0 Rxa1 13.Qxa1 Nb6 14.Qa2
 Qa8 15.e4 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxc4

17.Qxc4 Bxd5 18.Qe2 Bxe4 19.Re1
Bxf3 20.gxf3 e6 21.b4 cxb4
22.Bxb4 Rd8 23.Rc1 Qb7
1/2-1/2 Zelinski,M (2489)-Carl,E (2186)
Sautron op 11th 2011 (2.13)]

10.Be2 0.50/20

[10.e4± 1.02/17]

10...axb5!± 11.Bxb5 White is slightly
better. **11...Ba6 0.83/21**

[11...Qb6± 0.43/20]

12.0-0 0.01/19

[12.Bxa6± 0.83/21 Rxa6 13.0-0]

12...Bxb5= 13.axb5 Ne8 0.79/19

[13...Rxa1= 0.14/19 14.Qxa1 Nb6]

14.Qe2 0.42/21

[14.e4± 0.79/19]

14...Nc7 0.91/19

[14...Rxa1!± 0.42/21 should be
considered. 15.Rxa1 Nc7]

15.e4 Qb8 16.Rxa8 0.25/19

[16.Bg5± 0.80/20 Re8 17.Rxa8
Qxa8 18.Bh4]

16...Qxa8 17.Bg5 Re8 0.56/19

[17...f6= 0.14/21 18.Be3 Rb8]

18.h4± Qa5 1.03/17

[18...h5± 0.48/19]

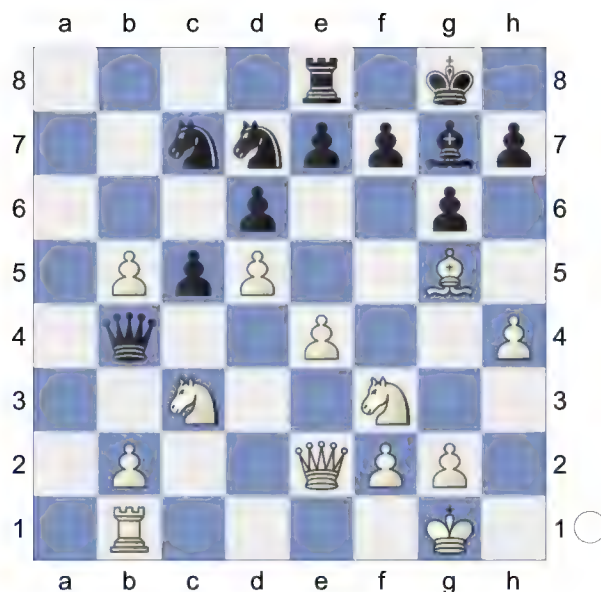
19.Rb1 -0.01/16

[19.h5!± 1.03/17]

19...Qb4 1.27/20

[19...h6!= -0.01/16 remains equal.
20.Bf4 Rb8]

(Diagram)



20.Bd2 -0.01/21

[20.Ra1!± 1.27/20 Bxc3 21.bxc3
Qxb5 22.c4]

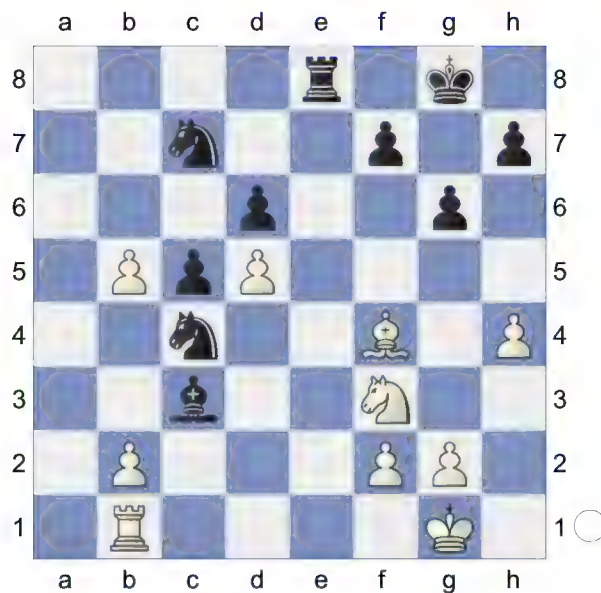
20...Nb6 21.e5 Qc4 22.Qxc4 Nxc4
23.exd6 -0.32/23

[White should try 23.Ra1!± 0.39/22]

23...exd6 24.Bf4? -2.47/23

[24.Rc1= -0.13/21]

24...Bxc3++



Remove Defender 25.bxc3 Nxd5
White does not recover from this.

26.Bg3 -4.27/21

[26.Nd2 26...Na3 (26...Nxc3

27.Rb3 27.Rb3 Nxb5 28.Rxb5
Nxf4 29.Kf1]

26...Nxc3 27.Rb3 Ne2+ Excellent
horsemanship. 28.Kh2 Rb8 29.Ng5 f5
Dodge Ne4. Threatens to win with ...f4.

30.Ne6 -4.95/21

[30.f3 -3.05/19 is a better defense.]

30...Kf7 Black is clearly winning. 31.Nf4
-7.68/19

[31.Ng5+ -4.64/21 Ke7 32.f3]

31...Nd4 32.Rc3 Ne5

[32...Nxb5? loses. 33.Rxc4 Ra8
34.Rc1+-]

33.Ra3 Nxb5 34.Ra6 Rb7 35.Nd5
Ke6 36.Ne3

Weighted Error Value: White=0.98/
Black=0.49

36...Nd3

0-1

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□ Ansh, M Shah

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■ Christiansen, Johan Sebastian

Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Dec Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.e3 e6 6.Nc3 exd5 7.Nxd5 Be7!?

1.52/17 Exploring less charted territory.
Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.

[7...Bb7± 0.42/19 8.Nxf6+ Qxf6]

8.Nxe7 0.64/18

[8.Nxf6+± 1.52/17 Bxf6 9.Qd5]

8...Qxe7± 9.Nf3 White is better. 9...0-0

10.Be2 axb5 11.Bxb5 d5N

[Vorgänger: 11...Na6 1.13/21

11...Ba6 0.66 12.0-0 Nb4 13.a3

Bb7 1.66/17 (13...Ne4± 1.07/18)

14.b3+- Rfb8 1.83/19 (14...Be4±

1.41/18) 15.Bb2+- Bxf3 2.20/22

(15...Nc6± 1.53/16 16.Nd2 d5)

16.Qxf3+- Nbd5? 3.24/19 (16...Nc2

1.70/19) 17.Bc4 Nb6 18.Be2

Black must now prevent Qg3. Nbd5?

5.61/20 (18...Ne4 1.94/19

is more resistant. 19.Qh5 Nd2)

19.Rfd1+- Ra7 8.08/20 (19...Nb6

5.10/18 20.a4 Nc8) 20.Rxd5+- Nxd5

21.Qxd5 1-0 (21) Tregubov, P (2616)-

Terrieux, K (2416) Calvi 2014]

12.0-0N

[12.Be2 Bf5 13.0-0 Nc6 14.b3 Nb4

15.Bb2 Rxa2 16.Rxa2 Nxa2 17.Ne5

Nb4 18.Qa1 Qb7 19.Qc1 Rc8

20.Bf3 Be4 21.Bxe4 Nxe4 22.Qd1

f6 23.Ng4 c4 24.bxc4 dxc4 25.f3

Nd3 26.fxe4 Nxb2 1-0 (75) Smirnov,

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12...Na6 1.16/19

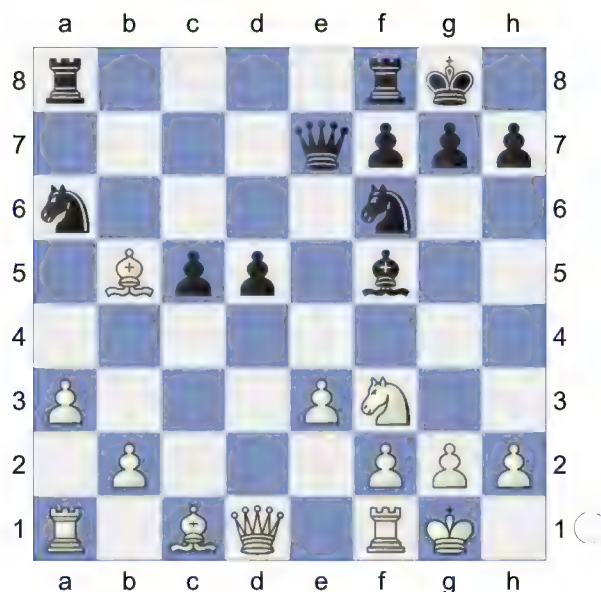
[12...Ba6± 0.63/22 13.Qe2 Rd8]

13.a3 0.60/20

[13.b3± 1.16/19]

13...Bf5 1.04/19

[13...Qb7± 0.60/20 deserves
consideration. 14.Ba4 Be6]



14.b4 0.49/19

[White should play 14.b3!± 1.04/19]
14...Nxb4!± 15.Bb2! Nc2 16.Rc1 Nxa3
17.Bxf6 -0.31/21

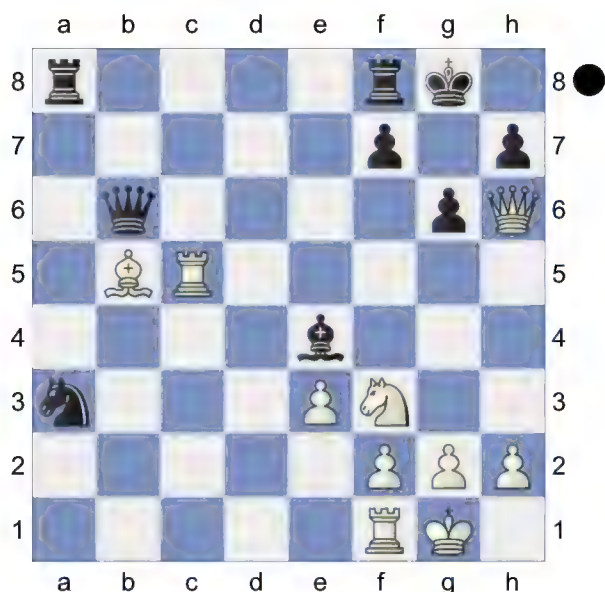
[17.Bc6± 0.56/23 Ra6 18.Bxf6
 (18.Bxd5 Rb8±) 18...gxf6 (18...Qxf6
 19.Bxd5 c4 20.Bxc4±) 19.Bxd5
 (19.Qxd5 Bc2±)]

17...Qxf6 18.Rxc5 Qb6↑ Black is
 more active. 19.Qxd5 Be4 Deflection
 This costs White the game. **20.Qh5**
-3.18/22

[20.Qxe4 21.Qxc5 21.Bd3]

20...g6+ Deflection 21.Qh6 -4.56/23

[21.Qe5 -2.48/20 might work better.
 Bxf3 22.Rfc1 (22.gxf3? Ra5+-)]



21...Bxf3!

[21...Qxc5? 22.Ng5±]

22.Rg5 Ra5 23.gxf3 Rxb5

[23...Nxb5? is the wrong capture.

24.Rh5 Rb8 25.Qxh7+ Kf8 26.Qh8+
 Ke7 27.Re5+ Kd7 28.Rd1+ Kc6
 (28...Nd6? 29.Qh3+ Kc6 30.Rc1+
 Kb7 31.Rxa5+-) 29.Qf6+ Kb7
 30.Qxf7+ Nc7 31.Rxa5 Qxa5
 32.Qxg6±]

24.Kh1 -6.71/21

[24.Rg3 -4.70/21 Qf6 25.Rc1]

24...Rxc5 25.Qxc5 Nc4 26.Rg1 Nd2
27.Rg3 -8.68/24

[27.Kg2 -4.82/22 Qc6 28.Qf4]

27...Qb1+ 28.Rg1 Qb7 29.Rg3 Nxf3
30.Qh6 Nh4+ 31.Kg1

Weighted Error Value: White=1.28/
 Black=0.48

31...Nf5 -11.04/24

[31...Qb1# -#1/6]

0-1

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□ **Mueller, Leonhard**

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■ **Christiansen, Johan Sebastian**

43rd Olympiad 2018 Open (1.3) 24.09.18
 [TA]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nf3 g6

[4...bxc4 5.Nc3]

5.cxb5 a6 6.Qc2

[6.bxa6]

6...Nxd5 LiveBook: 5 Partien. A57:

Wolga/Benkö-Gambit **7.e4 Nf6 8.e5**

Nd5 Weiß hat minimalen Vorteil.

9.Qxc5N

[Vorgänger: 9.Bc4 Bb7 10.Nc3 Nxc3

11.Qxc3 Bg7 12.bxa6 Bxa6 13.0-0

0-0 14.Rd1 d6 15.Bg5 Nc6 16.Bxa6

Rxa6 17.Qc4 Qa8 18.exd6 exd6

19.Rxd6 Bxb2 20.Rad1 Rxa2

21.Rxc6 1-0 (21) Kasparov, G (2825)-

Ariela ICC INT 1998]

9...Bb7 10.Nc3

[10.bxa6 Nxa6]

10...Nxc3 11.Qxc3 Und e6 würde nun
 gewinnen. **11...Bg7! 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0**

axb5 14.Bxb5 Qb6

[14...d6= hält das Gleichgewicht.]

15.a4± Bc6 16.Bg5 Re8 17.Bxc6

[17.Bc4±]

[17.Qd3]

17...Nxc6± 18.Rfe1

[18.Rfb1±]
18...Reb8 19.Re2 Qa6 20.Rd2 d6
21.Bf4 Rb4 22.Qe3! dxe5 23.Nxe5
Rxa4 24.Rxa4 Qxa4 25.h3?
 [25.f3!±]



25...Qxf4! Precision: Weiß = 49%,
 Schwarz = 69%.
0-1

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 Santos, Antonio Pereira **2187**
 Peixoto, Helio Ricardo Souti **1903**
 Silves op (7) 05.03.2025
 [Kitty Kat]

A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.e3 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.a4N is now more
 promising than 7.Nf3.im Vergleich zu 7.
 Sf3 vielversprechender.

[7.Bc4 Bg7 8.Nge2 0-0 9.0-0 Nbd7
 10.bxa6 Nb6 11.Bb5 Bxa6 12.Bxa6
 Rxa6 13.e4 Qa8 14.Qc2 (14.Rb1
 Rb8 15.Qc2 Na4 16.Nxa4 Rxa4
 17.Nc3 Rab4 18.b3 c4 19.bxc4
 Rxc4 20.Rxb8+ Qxb8 21.Qd3 Qc8

22.Bd2 Ng4 23.Nb1 Qc5 24.Qf3 h5
 25.h3 Ne5 26.Qb3 Rxe4 27.a4 Nc4
 28.Qb5 Bd4 0-1 (45) Vitikkala,K-
 Perman,T VI JSM/M/1 corr 1977)
 14...Rb8 15.Re1 Ra5 16.b3 Qa6
 17.Bb2 Ng4 18.h3 Ne5 19.Red1
 Qa7 20.a4 Nc8 21.Nb5 Qb6
 1-0 (42) Mahboobi,S-6...a5!? - Plans
 with c2-c4 (izt) 40/535 1985 (3)
 22.Bc3 Raa8 23.Rab1 Na7 24.Na3
 Qc7 25.f4 Nd7 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.b4
 Rb7 28.Rdc1 Qd8 29.b5 Nc8
 30.Nc4 Rba7 31.b6 Ncxb6 32.Nxb6
 Nxb6 33.Qb2+ f6 34.Qxb6 Qxb6
 35.Rxb6 Rxa4 36.Ng3 Ra3
 1-0 (42) Littlewood,N-Beyen,R
 Olympiad-17 Final B 1966 (3)]

7...axb5 1.38/20

[Black should play 7...Bg7 0.81/18]

8.Bxb5± Bd7 9.Bc4 White is clearly
 better. **9...Bg7 10.h3N 1.04/19**

[10.Nge2 0-0 11.0-0 Na6 12.Bd2
 Qb6 13.Bxa6 -0.32/18 (13.h3±
 1.16/17) 13...Rxa6 14.Qc2 -0.41/18
 (14.e4= 0.01/19) 14...Rb8± 15.Nb5?
 -2.94/20 (15.Rfb1= -0.23/18
 and White has nothing to worry.)
 15...Bxb5 16.axb5 Rxa1 17.Rxa1
 Qxb5 0-1 (38) Simko,L (1716)-
 Losonczy,I (1876) Eger Tavas op
 2009 (3)]

[White should try 10.Nf3 1.42/18]

10...0-0 11.Nge2 Na6 12.0-0 Nb4
13.e4 Prevents Bf5 13...Ne8 1.90/19

[13...Bc8± 0.96/17]

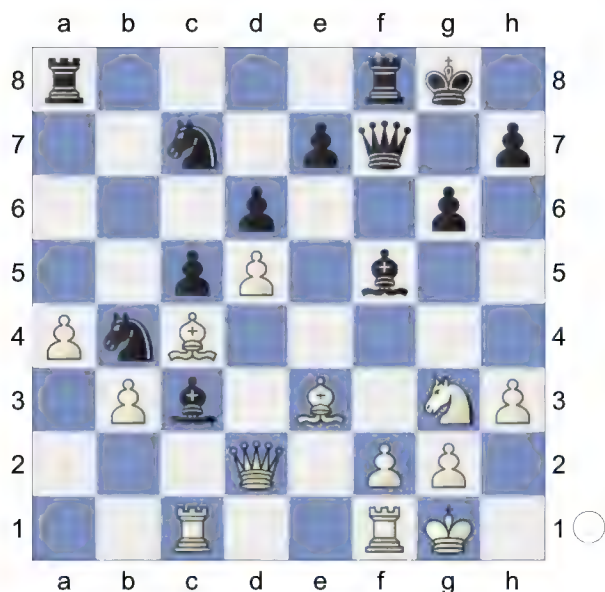
14.Be3+- Nc7 2.40/18

[14...Bc8 1.68/18 might work better.
 15.Qb3 Nf6]

15.Qd2 Qe8 16.b3 f5 17.Rac1 Qf7
18.exf5 Bxf5 19.Ng3 Bxc3? 6.00/21

[19...Bc8 2.72/17 20.Nge4 Bb7]

(Diagram)



20.Rxc3 White is clearly winning.

[20.Qxc3 Na2 21.Qd2 (21.Nxf5 Qxf5 22.Qd2 Nxc1±) 21...Nxc1±]

20...Ncxd5 21.Nxf5 Qxf5 22.Bh6 Rf7 23.Rf3 Qe5 24.Re1 Qd4 25.Qxd4 cxd4 26.Bd2 This pair of bishops is nice. **26...Rxf3 27.Bxb4**

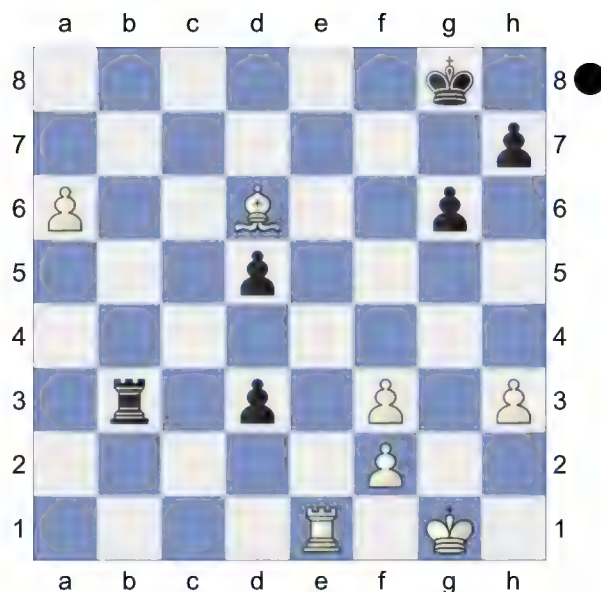
[27.gxf3 Kf8±]

27...e6 28.Bxd5

[Weaker is 28.gxf3 Nxb4 29.Bxe6+ (29.Rxe6 d5±) 29...Kg7±]
[28.Bxd6 Rc3±]

28...exd5 29.gxf3 KRB-KR 29...Rb8 30.Bxd6 Rxb3 31.a5 d3 32.a6

(Diagram)



a7 would kill now. 32...Rb6 33.a7 Ra6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/
Black=1.47

34.Re8+
1-0

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□ **Zhong,Kangmin**

■ **Stopa,Jacek**

Paracin Prestige op (3)
[Kitty Kat]

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A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Qc2 b4 5.e4 d6 6.Nf3 g6 7.Bd3! 7.Bd3 is better than 7.h3. 7.Ld3 ist besser als 7.h3. **7...Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 e5N 0.42/20**

[9...a5= 0.01/20 10.Bf4 Nh5 (10...e5 11.Bg5 h6 12.Be3 Nh5 13.a3 Nf4 14.Bxf4 b3 15.Qxb3 exf4 16.Nbd2 Nd7 17.Rab1 Rb8 18.Qc2 h5 19.h4 Bf6 20.g3 fxg3 21.fxg3 Ne5 Chapter-Games Chapter 12 Game 5) 11.Bh2 e5 12.Nbd2 a4 13.Rfe1 Nd7 14.Rad1 Nf4 15.Bf1 Bh6 8) Benko Gambit Declined 4.Qc-4. Qc2 b4 5.e4

d6 6.Nf3 #1]

10.dxe6 -0.69/21

[10.a3± 0.42/20]

10...Bxe6 11.Rd1 -0.85/19

[11.Be3! 0.41/20]

11...Qc7 -0.44/23

[11...Nc6 0.85/19]

12.Nbd2

[12.Bf4 Nc6 13.Nbd2 -0.87/19

(13.a3 0.38/20) 13...Nd7 14.Rab1

-1.07/20 (14.Be2 0.69/19) 14...a5

15.Nf1 Nde5 16.Qe2 Rae8 -0.65/20

(16...Rfb8 -1.22/20 and ...b3 should

not be overlooked 17.Ne3 Nd4

18.Nxd4 cxd4) 17.Ne3 Nd4 -0.27/22

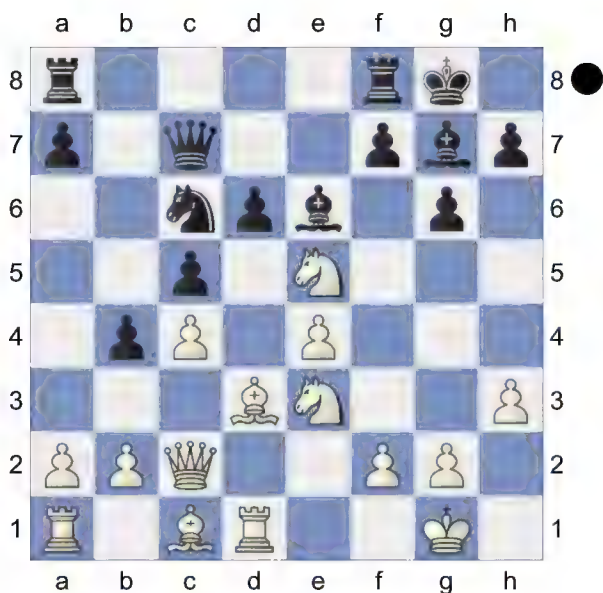
(17...a4 0.84/19) 18.Nxd4= cxd4

1/2-1/2 (36) Karthikeyan,P (2445)-Srihari,

L (2214) Commonwealth-ch 2019 (3)]

12...Nc6 13.Nf1 Nd7 14.Ne3 Nde5

15.Nxe5



Nd4

[15...Bxe5 16.Bd2 0.41/20]

[15...Nxe5 16.f4 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 0.38/20]

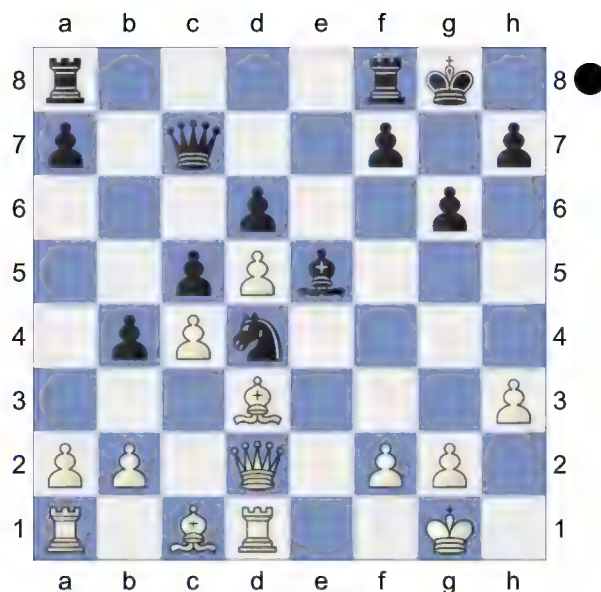
[15...dxe5 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.Be3=]

16.Qd2 Bxe5 17.Nd5? -2.41/22

[17.Rf1 0.71/19]

17...Bxd5+ 18.exd5

(Diagram)



Qa5! 19.f4? -4.31/22

[19.Qe3 -2.06/21 keeps fighting.]

19...Nb3 20.axb3 Bd4+

[20...Qxa1? 21.fxe5 dxe5 22.d6+-]

21.Kh2 Qxa1 22.f5 Qa5 23.Qh6?

-4.47/21

[23.Qc2 -2.72/21]

23...Qc7 24.Qh4 f6? -0.01/22

[24...Rfe8+ -3.50/21 25.g3 a5]

25.fxg6= f5 26.Bh6 -1.29/27

[26.Qxh7+= -0.07/23 Qxh7 27.gxh7+ Kxh7 28.Bf4]

26...hgx6 27.Bxf8 Rxf8 28.Re1 Be5+

[28...Bxb2? 29.Re7 Be5+ 30.g3+-]

29.Kh1 -2.20/23

[29.g3 0.41/21]

29...Kg7+

[29...Bxb2? 30.Re7+-]

30.Qg5 Qf7? -1.14/21

[30...Bxb2? 31.Re7+-]

[30...Qd8+ -2.94/24 and Black stays clearly on top. 31.Qxd8 Rxd8]

31.Rf1 -2.43/22

[31.g3 0.41/21]

31...f4? 0.01/23

[31...Bxb2 32.Rxf5 Bf6 33.Qg3=]

[Black should try 31...Qf6+ -2.43/22

32.Qxf6+ (32.Rxf5 Qxg5 33.Rxg5

Rf2-+) 32...Bxf6 (32...Kxf6 33.Rf3+)]
32.Qg4= The position is equal.
32...Qf6± Black is not keeping still
33.Rf3 Kh6 Black is weak on the light squares

[33...Bxb2? 34.Rxf4 Be5 (34...Qxf4 35.Qxg6+ Kh8 36.Qh7#) 35.Rxf6+-]
34.h4 Inhibits Qg5. and g3 should not be overlooked **34...Rh8**

[34...Bxb2? 35.Rxf4 a5 36.Rxf6+-]
35.g3 Kg7!
 [35...Bxb2? 36.Rxf4 (36.Qxf4+ Qxf4 37.Rxf4 a5=) 36...Qg7 37.Qg5+ Kh7 38.h5+-]

36.Kg2 Rh6 37.gxf4 Rxh4 38.Qd7+ Kh6 39.Rg3 Some like it hot

[39.fxe5 Qg5+ 40.Kf1 Qc1+ 41.Ke2 Rh2+ (41...Qxb2+ leads to mate. 42.Kd1 Qa1+ 43.Ke2 Rh2+ 44.Rf2 Qa2+ Deflection 45.Kd1 Qxf2 46.Qh3+ Rxh3 47.Be2 Rh1+ 48.Kd2 Re1 49.exd6 Qxe2#) 42.Rf2 Qxb2+ 43.Kd1 Qxf2 (43...Rxf2? 44.Qh3+ Kg7 45.Qd7+ Rf7 46.Qh3+-)]

39...Rxf4
 [Not 39...Qxf4 40.Rxg6+ Kh5 41.Qh7+]

40.Rxg6+ Qxg6+ 41.Bxg6 Kxg6 42.Qxa7

Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/ Black=0.48

42...Bxb2

1/2-1/2

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☐ **Bellmann,Herbert** **1745**
☒ **Lichtinger,Bernd** **1705**
 GER-ch E220 corr 1993
 [Bellmann]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Nf3 g6 8.g3

Bg7 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Qc2 Ng4 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bf4 Rb8?! 14.h3 Nge5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.b3 f5 17.Rfe1 Qd7 18.Rac1 Nf7 19.Bd2 Rfc8 20.Rb1 Bd4 21.Nd1 c4 22.b4 Bb5 23.Bc3 Ba4 24.Qb2 Bxc3 25.Nxc3 Bb5 26.Rec1 Ra8 27.Nxb5 Qxb5 28.a3 Ne5 29.Ra1 Ra7 30.Qd4 Rac7 31.Rc3 Kh7 32.e4 f4?

[32...fxe4 33.Bxe4 Nd7 ist ein wenig besser]

33.gxf4 Nd3 34.f5 g5 35.f6 Ne5 36.fxe7 Rxe7 37.Bf1 Rf7 38.Be2 Qd7 39.Kg2 Rcf8 40.Rf1 Rf4 41.f3 Rh4 42.Rh1 Ng6 43.Kg3 (Remis reichte zum Aufstieg in die H-Klasse)

[43.Kg3 Nf4 44.Bf1 Nh5+ 45.Kf2+-]
 1/2-1/2

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☐ **Jamieson,Chris**
☒ **Runting,Tim E**
 CCLA 7/1 #592 1974
 [Runting]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 d6 7.f4 g6 8.Nf3 Bg7 9.e4 Bxf1

[9...0-0 10.Bxa6 Nxa6 11.0-0 Nc7 12.Qe1 Qd7 13.Qh4 Nb5 14.Nxb5 Qxb5 15.f5 Ra4∞ (Karpov)]

10.Rxf1
 [10.Kxf1 0-0 11.e5 dxe5 12.fxe5 Ng4 13.Qe2 Nd7 14.Bf4 Qb8 15.Re1 Qb4! 16.Qd2 f6□ 17.e6 Nde5 18.Re4 Qb7∞ Garakian-Hachian,USSR,1986.]

10...0-0
 [10...Qb6 11.e5 dxe5 12.fxe5 Ng4 13.Qe2 Nd7 (13...Qa6 14.Bf4 Nd7 15.e6 Qxe2+ 16.Nxe2 fxe6 17.dxe6 Nf8= Gurevich,D-Bukal/Lugano,

1983.) 14.e6 fxe6 15.dxe6 Nde5
16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Nd5 Qd6 18.Qe4
0-0-0 19.Nxe7+ Kc7! 20.Bf4 Kb6!
21.Rf3 Nxf3+ 22.Qxf3 Qxe6+
23.Kf1 Rhf8∞ Christiansen-Gurevich,
D/USA ch, 1986.]

11.Kf2

[11.e5 Ne8 12.Kf2 Nd7 13.Qe2
Nb6 14.Rd1 Nc7 15.Be3 Qb8!?
16.Rd2 Qb7 17.Rad1 Rfd8 18.Kg1
Na4∞ Naumkin-Vaisser/Budapest,
1989.]

11...Qb6

[11...Nbd7 12.Kg1 Nb6 13.Kh1
(13.f5 gxf5 14.Nh4 e6 15.dxe6 fxe6
16.exf5 Nfd5 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Qg4
Qf6 Hollis-Norton/corr-1976.) 13...Qd7
14.Qc2 Rfb8 15.Rb1 Na4 16.Nd1
e6!≡ Pelc-Platonov/USSR, 1974.]

12.Kg1 Nbd7!?

[12...Na6 13.e5 Nd7 14.Qe1 Nc7
15.Kh1 Qa6≡ Murey-Platonov/USSR,
1974.]

13.Kh1

[13.Qe2!?

A) 13...e6? 14.dxe6 (14.Rd1
exd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Rxd5)
14...fxe6 15.Qc4 and White's
winning.;

B) 13...Rfb8 14.e5 dxe5 15.fxe5
Ng4 16.e6 fxe6 17.Qxe6+ Qxe6
18.dxe6 Nf8 19.Nd5 Ra7±]

13...Rfb8 14.Qc2 Ne8 15.b3 Nc7
16.Bb2 c4

(Diagram)



17.Nd2

[♠17.Na4! Qb4 18.Bxg7 Kxg7
19.Rfc1 cxb3 20.axb3 Ne8
(20...Nb5 21.Qb2+ Nf6 22.Rc4+-;
20...Na6 21.Nd2 e5 22.dxe6 fxe6
23.Qb2+±) 21.Nd2 Nef6 22.Qd3±]

17...cxb3 18.axb3 Qb4 19.Na2

[♠19.Rfc1±]

19...Qc5 20.Qxc5 Nxc5 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Rfb1

[♠22.Nc3±]

22...Nb5 23.g3 Na3= 24.Rc1 Nxb3 25.Nxb3 Rxb3 26.Nc3 Rc8 27.Nd1 Rc2 28.Rxa3

1/2-1/2

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♠ Petkov, V

♣ Pedersen, N V

Skanderborg

[Nicolai V. Pedersen, TA]

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A57: Benko/Volga Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nd2
Petkov used to decline the Benko with 5
b6. However, I noticed he had been
venturing 4 Nd2 more recently and, as it

is my conclusion that this line is rather unproblematic for Black, I was happy to play against it. **4...bxc4 5.e4 c3! 6.bxc3 g6 7.Rb1**

[Another option is 7.c4 d6 8.Ngf3 Bg7 9.Rb1 0-0 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.0-0 Nb6, which leads to similar play. The position is balanced and strategically complex. I studied it in my preparation for the game with Petkov.

A) 12.Nb3?! 0.22/22 12.Rb3 0.71 (now Black gets an initiative on the light squares) e6 13.h3? -0.38/24 (13.Qc2 exd5 14.exd5 Bg4 15.Nbd2 Re8 is equal, but it doesn't seem like a position worth aiming for with the white pieces; 13.Qc2± 0.35/22) 13...exd5 14.exd5 Ba6 15.Na5 Nbx d5 (15...Qc7! , threatening ...Nbx d5, would be slightly better; e.g. 16.Qd2! Rfe8 17.Re1 Wards off Ne4 Rxe1+! 18.Nxe1 Re8 followed by ...Ne4 and Black is doing fine) 16.Nc6 Nc3! 17.Qe1 Qd7 18.Ne7+ Kh8 19.Nxg6+ f xg6 20.Qxc3 Bb7 0.38/22 (20...Nh5= -0.10/20 21.Qa5 Bb7)

A1) 21.Ng5, intending h6?! 1.02/22 (21...Rae8= 0.14/18) 22.Ne6 0.12/17 (22.Rxb7!± 1.02/22 Qxb7 23.Ne6) 22...Bxg2!= 23.Bxh6! , would still be unclear;

A2) 21.Ng5± 0.38/22;

A3) 21.Ne1?! -0.98/18 (quite passive) 21...Rae8 22.Qb3 Bc6 23.Be3 -1.58/19 (23.Qd1!± -0.70/18) 23...Nh5 -0.35/20 (or 23...Ne4! with a clear advantage; 23...Ne4!± -1.58/19 24.Bxe4 Rxe4) 24.Be2!± Nf4 25.Bg4

Qf7 26.Bxf4! Qxf4 27.Bf3 Bd7 28.Bd5! Bf5 29.Rd1! (29.Nd3 -1.50/20 29.Rd1 -0.39 would be a better try) 29...Re2! 30.a4 -1.46/22 (30.Qf3!± -0.31/21 Qxf3 31.Nxf3) 30...Be5 -1.05/23 (Better is 30...Bd4 -1.46/22 31.Qf3 Qe5) 31.g3± Qh6 32.Nd3? -4.59/21 (32.Qf3± -0.80/21 is a better chance. Rb2 33.Qe3 Qxe3 34.fxe3) 32...Bd4-+ 33.Nf4? -8.80/21 (33.Bg2 -4.18/22 Bxh3 34.Nf4) 33...Bc2-+ 34.Qf3 Bxd1 0-1 D. Svetushkin-V. Baklan, Rumanian Team Championship 2009. A nice game by Baklan and a good illustration of the dangers awaiting White if he makes a few inaccuracies.;

B) 12.Re1 seems to be the most precise move, reaching an equivalent position to the main game (minus h2-h3 and ...Qc7). V. Akopian-P. Tregupov, Mainz (rapid) 2009, continued e5 13.dxe6 0.08/19 (if White doesn't take on e6 the position is balanced as well; typically Black will continue with ...Nh5) (13.Nf1± 0.70/17) 13...Bxe6= 14.Bb2, and now Nh5 0.45/19 offers balanced chances; for example (14...Ng4= -0.01/19) 15.Bxg7± Kxg7 16.g3 0.10/17 (16.Bf1± 0.54/17) 16...Nd7 17.Qc2 Ne5 18.Nxe5 dxe5 19.Nf1 0.14/22 (19.Nf3± 0.56/19) 19...Qd4 20.Ne3 Nf6 21.Nd5 -0.07/24 (21.Rbd1± 0.35/21) 21...Rab8= 22.Rb3 Bxd5 23.exd5 e4 24.Bxe4 (24.Be2 Rb6 25.Rd1 Qe5 26.Rxb6 axb6 27.Kg2 Rd8 is also equal) 24...Rxb3! 25.axb3 Re8 26.d6!

Rxe4 27.Rd1 Qe5 28.d7! Re1+
29.Kg2! Rxd1 30.Qxd1 Nxd7!
31.Qxd7 Qe4+ with a level
endgame.;

C) 12.--]

7...Bg7

[Not yet 7...d6 in view of 8.Bb5+ .]

8.Ngf3 0-0 9.Bd3 White is slightly better. **9...d6 10.h3N** Petkov had played this before. White is delaying c3-c4 for a while, so I hold back on ...e7-e5 too, since this would give his knight a nice post on c4.

[10.0-0 e6 11.c4 e5 12.Qa4 Nh5 13.Nb3 Nf4 14.Bxf4 exf4 15.e5 Bg4 16.exd6 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Nd7 18.Qa5 Qb6 19.Qb5 Ne5 20.Be2 Rfc8 21.d7 Rc7 22.Rfd1 Nxd7 23.d6 Rc6 24.Rd5 Re8 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ (47) Dreev,A (2662)-Vitiugov,N (2728) 72nd ch-2019 (1.6)]

10...Nbd7 11.0-0 Nb6 12.Re1 Qc7

[12...Nh5 is a good alternative; e.g. 13.c4 Qc7 14.Nf1 Rb8

A) 15.Bd2 e5 with a roughly equal position.;

B) . White might try **15.g4!?**, which I suppose is one of the ideas of h2-h3, but it's very committal and gives Black counter-chances. For example, Nf6 16.Bb2 **0.37/21** (16.Rb3± **0.79/18**) 16...e5 17.dxe6 **0.10/20** (17.Ne3?! **-0.60/21** 17.Bc1 0.55 h5 is better for Black; 17.Bc1± **0.62/21**) 17...fxe6 **0.76/20** (17...Bxe6= **0.10/20** 18.Ne3 Rfe8) 18.e5± Ne8 19.N1d2 **0.15/20** (19.exd6± **0.76/20** Nxd6 20.Bxg7 Qxg7 21.Bxg6 Discovered Attack) 19...Qf7 **1.01/20** is unclear; both sides have some serious pawn weaknesses. (19...d5!= **0.15/20**);

C) 15.g4± 0.89/22 Nf6 16.Ng3;

D) 15.-- 0.43/20]

13.c4 e5 14.Nf1 Nh5 15.g4 0.01/20

[15.Bd2± **0.74/19**]

15...Nf4= 16.Bxf4 exf4 17.Qd2 Ba6 0.45/22

[More ambitious was 17...Nd7! 18.Qxf4 Ne5 , when Black has decent compensation in view of the strong dark-squared bishop and loose pawn structure in front of the white king. For example, 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Qe3 Bd4 21.Qe2 **-0.01/20** (21.Qg3± **0.85/18**) 21...Qe7 22.Ne3 h5 23.gxh5 Bxh3 Hoping for ...Qf6. 24.Qf3! Qh4 with interesting play for the pawn.]

[I also considered 17...Na4 **1.09/19** 17...Be5 **-0.01** , but thought it insufficient.]

[17...Be5!= **-0.01/20**]

18.Rbc1

[The greedy 18.Qxf4 **0.07/21** 18.Rb3 **0.49** Bxc4 19.Rxb6! Bxd3 20.Rc6 Qa5! 21.Rxd6 c4! would give Black good play with the bishop pair and active pieces.]

18...Be5 0.66/18

[18...Nd7= **0.14/21**]

19.Nxe5!± dxe5 20.Nh2 Nc8?! 0.68/20 This casual move grants White some initiative based on the unexpected weakness of the e5-pawn.

[I should have played the solid 20...f6 , hindering g4-g5, with equality.]

[$\triangle$ 20...f6 **0.32/20**]

21.Qc3 f6 22.g5 Nb6 1.06/20 Hurrying back to defend the kingside.

[Not 22...fxg5? **3.84/20** 22...Nd6 **0.61** 23.Ng4! and Black is in trouble.]

[22...Nd6= **0.30/22**]

23.Ng4 0.63/20

[23.gxf6± **1.06/20** Rae8 24.Be2]

23...Nd7! 24.Bc2

[24.gxf6 0.54/19 24.Bc2 0.92 Rae8!
25.Bc2 0.01/22 (25.Nh6+± 0.77/20
Kh8 26.f7) 25...h5 0.37/22
(25...Nxf6= 0.01/22 deserves
consideration. 26.Ba4 Re7) 26.Nh2
Ba4 is the strong threat. Rxf6?
1.63/18 (26...Nxf6= 0.04/20 27.Nf3
Bc8) 27.Nf3 would be slightly better
for White, because of the weak pawns
on e5, c5 and g6.]

[24.gxf6 looks sharper. Rae8
25.Nh6+ Kh8 26.f7]

24...fxg5 1.66/23

[24...h5± 0.80/19]

25.Ba4+- Nb6 5.02/22

[25...h5± 1.27/20]

26.Bc6

[26.Qxe5? Qxe5 27.Nxe5 Nxa4-+]

26...Nxc4? 6.61/21

[26...Rac8 3.54/18 27.Nxe5 Qg7]

27.Bxa8 Rxa8 28.Red1?! 1.45/19

Too straightforward.

[Instead, 28.d6! Qxd6 29.Red1 Qe6
30.Rd5 would give White a dangerous
initiative.]

[28.d6+- 6.54/19 and the rest is easy.
Qxd6 29.Red1]

28...Qd6± Now the position is unclear.

29.Rb1 0.25/22

[29.Nh2+- 1.69/19]

29...Kg7 1.01/22

[29...h5= 0.25/22 remains equal.
30.Nh2 Kh7]

30.Rdc1! White has strong
compensation. **30...h5 31.Nh2 Kf6?**
2.30/20

[31...Kh6= 0.29/19]

32.Qd3+- Na5 33.Qa3 Nb7 34.Qa4?
0.23/21

[34.Nf3+- 1.77/18]

34...Rc8!= 35.Rc3 c4! Here Petrov had
around eight minutes to reach the time
control at move 40, while I had about

three. **36.Ra3 -0.01/15**

[White should try 36.Nf3± 0.52/25]

36...Nc5! The black pieces are now very
well arranged. Petkov should probably
have tried to prevent this formation.

37.Qa5 Rc7 38.Nf3 g4 39.Nd2 Kg5?!
The beginning of a risky winning attempt,
in which the king makes a solo trek
across White's heartland to the distant
a3-square.

[Instead, 39...gxh3 would be fine for
Black, but I was in an optimistic mood
after the balance of the position had
changed in my favour, and was also in
some time pressure. Of course my
intuition told me there should be
something for White, but it's not
always so easy to find it over the
board. Okay, maybe I wouldn't play
this way against Rybka or Fritz.]

40.Kh2 f3? 4.24/19

[40...Rc8= -0.13/21 and Black stays
safe.]

41.Rg1+- Kf4? 5.33/22

[41...Rh7 3.24/17 is a better defense.
42.Nxf3+ (42.Rxf3 Nd3+-) 42...Kf6]



42.Nxf3! 2.42/18 Nxe4!

[42...gxf3 43.Qd2+ Kxe4 44.Re1+ Kf5 45.Rxf3#]

43.Ne1?! -0.01/22

[43.Qxa6 Qxa6 (43...gxf3 44.Rg3=) 44.Rxa6 Kxf3= (44...gxf3 45.Rc6#)]

[43.Nh4+- 3.09/22]

43...Bc8 Now I was actually slightly better. Some like it hot. Active counter play! **44.Re3 g3+?? 8.06/19** But this should just have lost.

[The correct course was to retreat with 44...Kf5 , keeping a slight advantage, but then we wouldn't have seen the forthcoming entertaining king march.]

[44...Nxf2? 45.Qd2 e4 46.Rf1+- (46.Qxf2+ Kg5+ 47.Kh1 Kh6+-)]

[44...Kf5= -0.01/22]

45.fxg3+

[45.Rg3 N3g3 46.R3g3 (46.Ng2+ Kg5±) 46...Kf5+-]

45...Kxe3 46.Ng2+ Kd3 47.Rd1+ Kc2 48.Ne3+ 6.14/5

[48.Qe1 #18/25 a6 49.Rc1+ Kb2 50.Rb1+ Kxa2 51.Qc1 Rb7 52.Qc2+ Ka3 53.Ra1+ (53.Qxe4? Rxb1 54.Qxb1 Qxd5+-) 53...Kb4 54.Ra4+ (54.Qxe4 Bf5#) 54...Kc5 55.Qxc4+ Kb6 56.Rxa6#]

48...Kb2 49.Qa4?? 0.30/26

[Here 49.Qb5+ Kc3 50.Nxc4 wins outright; the move played allows Black back into the game.]

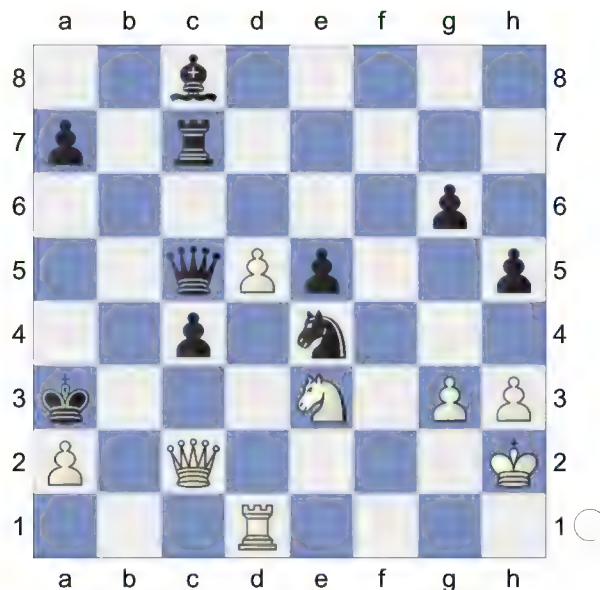
[49.Qb5+ #17/28 mates Kc3 50.Nxc4 Rb7 51.Rc1+ (51.Nxd6 Rxb5 52.Nxb5+ Kc2+-) 51...Kd4 52.Nb6 (52.Nxd6 Rxb5 53.Nxb5+ Kxd5+-) 52...Nd2 53.Qb2+ Ke3 54.Qc3+ Ke4 55.Qc2+ (55.Qxc8 Qxb6 56.Qc2+ Kxd5=; 55.Re1+ Kf5+-) 55...Ke3 56.Nc4+ (56.Nxc8? Qxd5 57.Kg1 Nf3+ 58.Kf1 Qb5+ 59.Kg2 Qb2+-; 56.Re1+ Kd4 57.Qxd2+ Kc5 58.Qa5+ Kd4 59.Rd1+ Ke4 60.Qc3

Kf5 61.Rf1+ Ke4 62.Rf3 Qa3 63.Re3+ Kf5 64.Qxe5#) 56...Nxc4 57.Qc3+ Ke4 58.Qxc4+ Ke3 59.Re1+ Kd2 60.Re2+ Kd1 61.Qc2#]

49...Qc5 1.49/25

[49...Qb6= 0.30/26 50.Qc2+ (50.Nxc4+? Rxc4 51.Qb3+ Qxb3+- Remove Defender) 50...Ka3 51.Qxe4 Bf5 (51...Kxa2? 52.Rd2+ Kb3 53.Qb1+ Kc3 54.Qc1+ Kb4 55.Rb2+ Kc5 56.Qxc4+ Kd6 57.Rxb6+-) 52.Qxe5 (52.Nxf5? Qf2+ 53.Qg2 Qxg2+ 54.Kxg2 gxf5+-; 52.Nxc4+? Rxc4 53.Rd3+ Kb2+-) 52...c3 (52...Kxa2? 53.Rd2+ Ka3 54.Qc3+ Ka4 55.Nxc4+-; 52...Qb2+ 53.Qxb2+ Kxb2 54.d6± Deflection)]

50.Qc2+± Ka3



51.Qxe4 0.06/19

[51.Qc1+!± 1.37/22 Kb4 (51...Kxa2 52.Qa1+ Kb3 53.Rb1#) 52.d6 Nxd6 53.a3+ Kb5 54.Rd5 Pin]

51...Bf5!=

[51...Kxa2 52.Qc2+ (52.d6 Rb7±) 52...Ka3 53.Ra1+ Kb4 54.Qb2#]

52.Qf3 c3 Blocking off the pressure from the queen on f3.

[52...Kxa2 53.Qe2+ (53.d6 Rb7+-)
53...Ka3 54.Ra1+ Kb3 55.Nxf5+-
(55.Qa2+ Kc3+-)]

53.d6 Rf7↑ Black has some pressure.

54.Rd5

[54.Qe2!? c2□ 55.Rc1♣]

54...Qb4 9.18/20 A final exchange of errors.

[54...Be6! should draw, whereas the text loses to 55.Qe2.]

[54...Be6= -0.01/21 55.Qxf7
(55.Rxc5 Rxf3 56.Rxe5 Bd7♣)
55...Qxe3 56.Qxe6 Qe2+ 57.Kg1
Qe1+ 58.Kg2 Qe2+ 59.Kg1]

55.Nc2+? 3.78/19

[55.Rxe5 Qb2+ (55...Qxd6 56.Nc4+
Kxa2 57.Ra5+ Kb3 58.Nxd6 Kb2
59.Nc4+ Kb3 60.Rb5+ Ka4 61.Qc6;
55...Kxa2? too greedy. 56.Qe2+ Qb2
57.Ra5+ Kb1 58.Rb5+- Pin) 56.Kg1
Qc1+ (56...Qxa2? 57.Ra5+
Skewer, Deflection Kb4 58.Rxa2+-)
57.Nd1 Qd2± (57...Bxh3?
58.Qe2+-)]

[♠55.Qe2 9.18/20 Qb7 56.Qc4]

55...Bxc2+- 56.Qxf7 Qb2 (-> ...Be4+)

57.Qxa7+?? -10.01/5 As Tartakower said: the winner of the game is the player who makes the next-to-last mistake.

[Instead, 57.Kg1 would keep it going.]

[57.Rxe5? leads to mate. Be4+
58.Kg1 Qg2#]

[57.Kg1+- 4.01/24]

57...Ba4+-+ 58.Kg1 Qb1+? -0.01/20

[58...Qxa2 59.Rxe5 Qd2 60.Ra5
Qe1+ 61.Kg2 Qe2+ 62.Kg1 (62.Qf2
Qd2=) 62...Qe1+ 63.Kh2 Qd2+
64.Kh1 Qd1+ 65.Kg2 Qe2+ 66.Kg1
Qe1+=]

[58...Qa1+-+ -35.63/26 59.Kf2
Qxa2+ 60.Kg1 Qxd5]

59.Kh2? -#18/26

[59.Kf2= -0.01/20 Qxa2+ 60.Kg1
Qxd5 61.d7]

59...Qxa2+ 60.Kg1

Weighted Error Value: White=0.89/
Black=0.91

60...Qxd5 . --- Game summary: The game was equal from the opening and I had a few ways to get a balanced position. Instead, I made a few inaccuracies and Petrov gained the advantage, that is until he let it slip. The final phase of the game was fun if not objectively correct. Of course the computer doesn't like it, but Petrov was unable to find a refutation over the board. So I was quite content to play ... Kg5-f4-e3-d3-c2-b2-a3 with that many pieces on the board and win.

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■ **Bourquin, Pascal**

Saint Louis 133/130

[TA]

A58

1974

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 e6 6.Nc3 Nxd5 7.Nxd5 exd5
8.Qxd5 Nc6 9.e3**

[9.e4]

[9.Nf3]

9...Be7 10.Bc4 0-0 11.Nf3

[11.Ne2 Bxa6 12.Bxa6 Nb4]

11...Bxa6 12.Bd2

[12.Bxa6 Qa5+ 13.Bd2 Qxa6]

12...Qb6 13.0-0 Qxb2 14.Rfb1

[14.Bxa6 Rxa6 15.Qxd7 Rd8
16.Qg4 Ne5]

14...Qf6 15.Bxa6 Rxa6 16.Qxd7 Rd8

17.Qg4

[17.Qb7 Ne5]

17...Ne5 18.Nxe5 Qxe5 19.Qc4
[19.f4 Qd5]

19...Rh6 20.f4 Qh5 21.Ba5

[21.Be1 Qxh2+ 22.Kf1 Rg6]

21...Qxh2+ 22.Kf1 Rg6 23.Qe4

[23.Bxd8 Rxd2]

23...Qh1+ 24.Ke2 Rxd2+

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A59

□ Johansson, Viktoria

■ Calinescu, Voichita

CCOL5-women prel2 bd1

1992

[Kitty Kat]

A59: Benko/Volga Gambit: White castles
by hand

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6

5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 d6 7.e4 Bxf1

8.Kxf1 g6 9.g4?!

[9.g3]

[9.Nf3]

[9.Nge2!?]

9...Bg7

[9...h5!? 10.g5 Nfd7 11.Kg2 Bg7∞]

10.Kg2 Nbd7 0.62/15

[10...Na6]

[10...0-0 0.47/19 10...Na6 -0.01

11.g5? -0.01/22 (11.h3!± 0.47/19)

11...Nh5!= 12.Nge2 f5! 0.38/22

(12...Qc8= -0.05/23) 13.Ng3?

-1.23/24 (13.exf5± 0.38/22 Rxf5

14.Rf1) 13...f4!± 14.Nxh5? -2.61/24

(14.Nf5± -0.89/21) 14...f3+-+ 15.Kf1?

-3.59/23 (15.Kg1 -2.04/20 gxh5

16.Qf1) 15...gxh5+- 16.Rg1? -4.55/18

(16.a4 -2.37/22 only move.)

16...Nd7+- 17.g6 h6! 18.Be3 -6.13/18

(18.a4 -4.01/18 Ne5 19.h4)

18...Ne5+- 19.Qd2 -7.24/19

(19.Ke1 -4.91/17 Qc8 20.b3)

19...Qc8 ...Nc4 would now be deadly.

20.Bxh6 Qa6+ 21.Ke1 Nc4 22.Qg5
Bf6 23.Qxh5 Bxc3+! 24.Kd1? -#6/14
(24.bxc3± -1.08/17 Ne5 25.c4 Qxc4
26.Qxf3 Nxf3+ 27.Kd1 Qd3+ 28.Kc1
Nd4 29.Bxf8 Qc2#)

A) 24...Nxb2+! -#6/14 25.Kc2
(25.Kc1 Nd3+) 25...Qe2+ 26.Bd2
Qd3+ 27.Kc1 Bxd2+ 28.Kxb2
Rfb8#;

B) 24...Ne5!! -38.68/29 0-1 Nutu D.-
Vayda S., Rumanian ch. 1994]

[Better is 10...Na6= -0.01/22]

[10...Qc8 11.g5 Nh5 12.h3 0-0

13.Nge2 f6 14.Ng3 Nxg3 15.Kxg3

fxg5 16.Bxg5 Qb7 17.Qd2 Nd7

18.Bxe7 Be5+ 19.Kg2 Rfe8 20.Bg5

Bxc3 21.bxc3 Rxe4 22.Rab1 Qa6

23.Rb2 Rae8 24.Rhb1 Qc4 25.Be3

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Pula 1997]

11.g5N -0.01/18

[11.h3!± 0.62/15 Qc8 12.Nge2 0-0

13.Ng3 Qa6 14.g5 Ne8 15.h4 Nc7

16.h5 Ne5 17.f4 Nd3 18.hxg6 hxg6

19.Bd2 Nxb2 20.Nf5 Rfe8 21.Nxe7+

Rxe7 22.Qc2 Qd3 23.Qxd3 Nxd3

24.f5 gxf5 25.exf5 Bd4 26.f6

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J Paris (blitz) 138/189 2018]

11...Nh5= 12.Nge2 Qa5!? The position
is equal.

[12...Qc8 0.49/18 12...0-0 -0.07]

13.Ng3? -0.44/20

[13.Bd2]

[13.a4= 0.27/22]

13...Nxg3! 0.03/22

[13...Bxc3± -0.44/20 feels stronger.

14.bxc3 Qxc3]

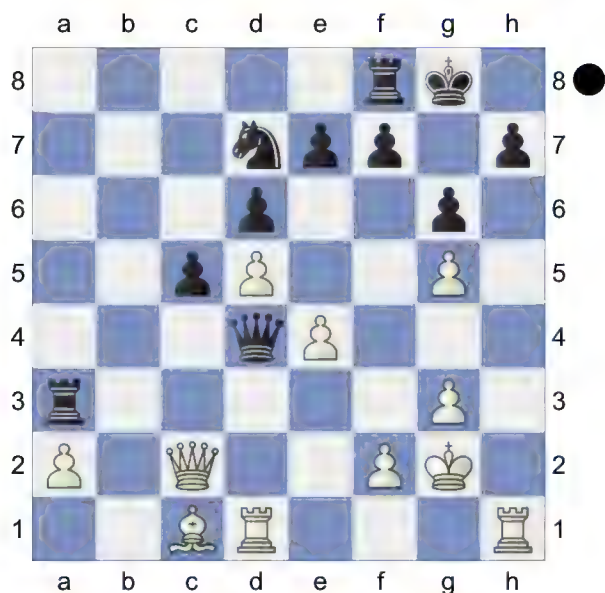
14.hxg3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Qxc3 16.Bd2

Qd4± 17.Qc2 Strongly threatening a4.

17...Ra3 18.Rad1 -0.55/19

[18.Be3= 0.01/20 Qa4 19.Qxa4

Rxa4 20.Rab1]
18...0-0!? 19.Bc1 -0.81/23
 [19.Bf4= -0.21/23 Qa4 20.Qxa4
 Rxa4 21.Rhe1]



19...Qa4!? This move loses the game for White. 20.Qe2 -2.19/21

[White should try 20.Rd2? -0.62/20
 Qxc2 21.Rxc2]

20...Rxa2+- 21.Bd2? -6.52/21

[21.Rd2 -1.69/21 Ra8 22.Qg4]

21...Ne5 Black is clearly winning. **22.Rh4**

[22.f4? Nc4]

22...Rb8 23.Rdh1

(Diagram)



h5! 24.gxh6 Kh7 25.Qe1 Rbb2
Active counter play! 26.Be3 Re2
27.Qc1 Rac2 Deflection 28.Qb1 Rxe3
29.Rf4

[29.Qb8 Rxf2+! 30.Kxf2 (30.Kh3
 Rxc3+ 31.Kxc3 Rf3+ 32.Kg2
 Qc2+-) 30...Rf3+ 31.Kg2 Qc2+
 32.Kh3 Qf2 33.Rg4 Nxc4 34.Qf8
 Nxc6+- -22.96/5 (34...Qxc3# -#1/6)]

Weighted Error Value: White=1.82/
 Black=0.52

29...Rxe4! C Mayer

[29...Rxe4! C Mayer 30.Qb8 Rxf4
 31.Qf8 Rxc2+ 32.Kh3 Rh4+
 33.gxh4 Qg4#]

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A57

□ **Blechar, Michael J**

■ **Crane, Harold**

CCLA challenge match corr (2)
 [Blechar]

1990

1.d4 Myers Crane Blechar 1...Nf6 2.c4
c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.e3 g6 6.Nc3
Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.a4 d6 9.Ra3 axb5
 [9...Nbd7 10.e4 axb5 11.Bxb5 Ba6

12.Qe2 Bxb5 13.Nxb5 Ne8 14.0-0 Nc7 15.b3 Nxb5 16.Qxb5 Ra7 17.Bd2 Qa8 18.Re1 Rb7 19.Qc4 Nb6 20.Qc2 Ra7 21.a5 Nd7 22.Bc3 Qb7 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Nd2 f6 25.f4 Nb8 26.Nc4 Na6 27.Qc3 Nc7 28.Raa1 Nb5 29.Qd3 Nd4 30.Rab1 Qb4 31.e5 dxe5 32.fxe5 Rd7 33.exf6+ Rxf6 34.Qe4 Rf5 35.d6 e6 36.Rf1 Qc3 37.Rfc1 Qb4 38.Rf1 Qc3 39.Rxf5 gxf5 40.Qe5+ Kf7 41.Qxc5 Ne2+ 42.Kf1 Ng3+ 43.hxg3 Qd3+ 44.Kf2 Qc2+ 45.Ke3 Qe4+ 46.Kd2 Qxg2+ 47.Kc3 Rb7 48.Qe3 Qa2 49.Rb2 Qa1 50.Qd2 Ke8 51.Qe3 Kd7 52.b4 1-0 Browne,W-Alburt,L/Greenville USA 1983/]

[9...Ne8 10.Be2 axb5 11.Nxb5 Nc7 12.0-0 Ba6 13.e4 Nd7 14.Qc2 Qb8 15.Bd2 Bxb5 16.axb5 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Rxa8 Nxa8 19.b4 Rc8 20.bxc5 dxc5 21.Bg4 Rc7 22.Rb1 Nb6 23.Be3 h5 24.Bd1 Rc8 25.g3 Qa8 26.Qd3 Qa5 27.Kg2 c4 28.Qc2 c3 29.Be2 Qa4 30.Qxa4 Nxa4 31.Rb4 c2 32.Rxa4 c1Q 33.Bxc1 Rxc1 34.f4 Bc7 35.Rc4 Rxc4 36.Bxc4 h4 37.e5 hxg3 38.hxg3 g5 39.Kf3 gxf4 40.gxf4 Kf8 41.Ke4 Ke8 42.f5 Ba5 43.d6 exd6 44.exd6 Kd7 45.Bxf7 Kxd6 46.f6 Bd8 47.Kf5 Kc5 48.Be8 Bxf6 49.Kxf6 Kb6 50.Ke6 Kb7 51.Kd5 Kb6 52.Bc6 Kc7 53.Kc5 1-0 Browne,W-Bustamante Casas,R/Fort Worth USA 1984/]

[9...Bb7 10.Bc4 axb5 11.Bxb5 e6 12.e4 exd5 13.exd5 Qe7+ 14.Qe2 Qc7 15.0-0 Nbd7 16.Rd1 h6 17.Bf4 Nh5 18.Be3 Kh7 19.a5 Rad8 20.Qc4 f5 21.b4 Rc8 22.bxc5 Nxc5 23.Nd4 Qf7 24.Qa2 f4 25.Bc1 Na6 26.Nc6 f3 27.g3 Nc7 28.Bc4 Qd7 29.Nb4 Qg4 30.Nc2 Ba6 31.Ne3

Qh3 32.Ne4 Rce8 33.Qc2 Nf4 34.Kh1 Ng2 35.Rg1 Nxe3 36.Bxe3 Be5 37.Bxa6 Nxa6 38.Qc4 Rb8 39.Qf1 Qxf1 40.Rxf1 Rb5 41.Rd1 g5 42.h3 Rc8 43.Bb6 Rc4 44.Re1 Rxd5 45.Rxf3 Kg7 46.Kg2 Rb5 47.Nd2 Rc3 48.Rxe5 1-0 Markos,J-Shyam,N/Kolkata IND 2009/]

10.Bxb5 Ba6 11.0-0 Bxb5!?

[11...Qc8 12.Nd2 Bxb5 13.axb5 Nbd7 14.Nc4 Qc7 15.Bd2 Nb6 16.Nxb6 Qxb6 17.Qb3 Qb7 18.Rfa1 Nd7 19.Rxa8 Rxa8 20.Rxa8+ Qxa8 21.Qa4 Qxa4 22.Nxa4 Kf8 23.b6 Ke8 24.b7 Nb8 25.Ba5 Kd7 26.b3 e6 27.e4 exd5 28.exd5 Bf6 29.Kf1 Bd8 30.Nb6+ Kc7 31.Nc4+ Kd7 32.Bxd8 Kxd8 33.Nxd6 Kc7 34.Nxf7 Nd7 35.Ke2 Nf6 36.d6+ Kxb7 37.Ne5 Ne4 38.Nc4 Kc6 39.Ke3 Nf6 40.Kf4 Kd5 41.Kg5 Ke6 42.Kh6 Ng4+ 43.Kxh7 Nxf2 44.Kxg6 Nd3 1-0 Portisch,L-Bellon Lopez,J/Thessaloniki GRE 1984/]

[11...Ne8 12.Qd3 (12.Bd2 Nc7 13.e4 Nd7 14.Qc1 f5 15.Bh6 fxe4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Ng5 Nf6 18.Bxa6 Rxa6 19.Ncxe4 Qd7 20.Rh3 h5 21.b3 Ncxd5 22.Rd1 Nxe4 23.Nxe4 Qf5 24.Qc4 Nf4 25.Rg3 Rb6 26.Qc3+ e5 27.Re1 Rfb8 28.Nd2 h4 29.Rf3 Qg4 30.g3 hxg3 31.fxg3 Rh8 32.Rxf4 Qh3 33.Nf3 g5 34.Rf7+ Kg8 35.Qc4 1-0 Varelle,F-Juglard,E/France FRA 1989/; 12.e4 Nc7 13.Bxa6 Rxa6 14.Re1 Nd7 15.Bf4 Qb8 16.Qc1 Qb7 17.Nd2 Ne5 18.Qc2 Rb6 19.Nd1 Rb4 20.Bxe5 Bxe5 21.Nc4 Bd4 22.Na5 Qa6 23.Nc6 Rc4 24.Qe2 Re8 25.b3 Rb4 26.Nxb4 Qxe2 27.Rxe2 cxb4 28.Raa2 Na6 29.Rac2 Nc5 30.Rc4 Bf6 31.e5 1-0 Graeser,K-Hoch,D/corr

GER 1986/) 12...Nc7 13.Bd2 Qd7
14.Rb3 e6 15.e4 exd5 16.Nxd5
Nxd5 17.Qxd5 Bb7 18.Bxd7 Bxd5
19.Rxb8 Raxb8 20.exd5 Rxb2
21.Rc1 Rfb8 22.Bb5 Ra2 23.h3 h6
24.Be3 g5 25.g4 Rf8 26.Nd2 f5
27.gxf5 Rxf5 28.Nc4 Bd4 29.Nxd6
Bxe3 30.fxe3 Rf3 31.Bf1 Rg3+
32.Kh1 Rxe3 33.Nc4 Rg3 34.d6 Kf8
35.d7 Ke7 36.Rd1 Kd8 37.Ne5
1-0 Komarov,D-Aranda Marin,C/
Vendrell ESP 1996/]

[11...Nbd7 12.Bxa6 (12.Qb3 Qc7
13.e4 Rfb8 14.Qc2 Nb6 15.b3 Nfd7
16.Bxa6 Rxa6 17.Nb5 Qb7 18.Nd2
Na8 19.Nc4 Nc7 20.Nxc7 Qxc7
21.Bd2 Ne5 22.Rb1 Nxc4 23.bxc4
Rab6 24.Rb5 Qa7 25.Qa2 e6
26.Rab3 Qa6 27.Rxb6 Rxb6
28.Rxb6 Qxb6 29.a5 Qa6 30.Qb3
Bf6 31.Qb5 Qa8 32.a6 Bd8
33.Qe8+ Kg7 34.dxe6 fxe6 35.Qd7+
Kf6 36.Bc3+ Kg5 37.Qxe6 Qxa6
38.Bd2+ 1-0 Nachev,S-Mitkov,N/
Salekhard RUS 2006/) 12...Rxa6

13.Qe2 (13.e4 Ne8 14.Bg5 Nc7
15.Nd2 f5 16.f3 h6 17.Be3 Ne5
18.Qe2 f4 19.Bf2 Qd7 20.Nc4 Rb8
21.b3 Ra7 22.Nb1 Nxc4 23.Qxc4
Kh7 24.Nd2 Ne8 25.Ra2 Bd4
26.Bxd4 cxd4 27.Rb1 Rb4 28.Qd3
Qb7 29.Ra3 Ra8 30.a5 Qb5
31.Qxb5 Rxb5 32.Ra4 Ra6 33.Kf1
Kg7 34.Rb2 Kf6 35.Ke1 Rb7
36.Ke2 0-1 Lilley,G-Cherniaev,A/
Aintree ENG 1998/) 13...Qa8 14.e4

Nb6 15.b3 Rc8 16.Nd2 Nfd7
17.Bb2 c4 18.bxc4 Nxa4 19.Rxa4
Rxa4 20.Nxa4 Qxa4 21.Bxg7 Kxg7
22.Qd3 Ra8 23.h3 Qa2 24.Qd4+ f6
25.Nf3 Ne5 26.Nxe5 fxe5 27.Qc3
Ra3 28.Qc1 Rb3 29.c5 dxc5
30.Qxc5 Kf7 31.Qc4 Rb2 32.Qc3

Rb1 33.Qxe5 Rxf1+ 34.Kxf1 Qb1+
35.Ke2 Qc2+ 36.Kf3 Qd3+ 37.Kg4
Qe2+ 38.Kg3 Qd3+ 39.Kh2 Qd2
40.Qg3 Qd4 41.Qf4+ Kg7 42.g3 h6
43.Kg2 Qc3 44.e5 Qc5 45.Qd2 Kf7
46.d6 Qc6+ 47.Kh2 exd6 48.exd6
Qd7 49.Qxh6 Qxd6 50.Qf4+ Qxf4
51.gxf4 Kf6 52.Kg3 1-0 Janota,H-
Chojnicki,Z/Mikolajki POL 1991/]

[11...Nfd7 12.Qd3 (12.Qc2 Nb6
13.Rd1 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Bxc4 15.b3
Ba6 16.Bd2 Nd7 17.Be1 Qc7
18.Na2 Rfc8 19.Bc3 Bxc3 20.Nxc3
Qa5 21.h4 Qb4 22.Rda1 Rab8
23.h5 Qg4 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.a5 c4
26.Nd4 cxb3 27.Rxb3 Rxb3
28.Qxb3 Kg7 29.f3 Qh4 30.Nce2
Rh8 31.Qc3 Ne5 32.Nf4 Qh2+
33.Kf2 Qh4+ 34.Kg1 Qh2+
½-½ Bewersdorff,O-Pernutz,H/
Oberliga GER 2006/ ½-½ Bewersdorff,
O-Pernutz,H/Oberliga GER 2006/)
12...Nb6 13.Nd2 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Bxb5
15.axb5 N8d7 16.c4 Ne5 17.Qc2
Qd7 18.h3 Rxa3 19.Bxa3 Ra8
20.Ra1 Qf5 21.e4 Qf6 22.Bb2
Rxa1+ 23.Bxa1 Nf3+ 24.gxf3 Qxa1+
25.Kg2 Qd4 26.Kf1 Qa1+ 27.Ke2
Na4 28.Qb3 Nc3+ 29.Ke3 Na2
30.Qd3 Nc1 31.Nb3 Nxb3 32.Qxb3
Qe1+ 33.Kd3 Qxf2 34.b6 Qxf3+
35.Kc2 Qxe4+ 36.Qd3 Qg2+ 37.Kb3
e5 38.b7 e4 39.b8Q+ Kg7 40.Qc3+
Kh6 1-0 Prudnikova,S-Marusic,N/Bled
SLO 1994/]

12.Nxb5N

[12.axb5 Nbd7 13.Qb3 (13.Qe2
Qc8 14.e4 Qb7 15.Bg5 Rfe8
16.Nd2 Nb6 17.Ra6 Ra7 18.Rfa1
Rea8 19.R1a3 Ne8 20.Qf1 h6
21.Qa1 Nc8 22.Be3 Nc7 23.R6a5
Kh7 24.Ndb1 Bd4 25.Bd2 Qb6
26.Na4 Qb7 27.Rxa7 Rxa7 28.Nac3

Nxb5 29.Nxb5 Qxb5 30.Rxa7 Qe2 31.Nc3 Qxf2+ 32.Kh1 Nxa7 33.h3 Qxd2 34.Qxa7 Qe1+ 0-1 Niklasson, C-Fuglsang, F/Gladsaxe DEN 1979/; 13.Nd2 Nb6 14.Qb3 Qc7 15.e4 c4 16.Qa2 Nfd7 17.Ndb1 Bd4 18.Be3 Bxe3 19.fxe3 Qc5 20.Re1 Ne5 21.Na4 Qb4 22.Nbc3 Nxa4 23.Rxa4 Rxa4 24.Qxa4 Qxb2 25.Qa1 Qb4 26.h3 Qc5 27.Qa5 Rb8 28.Re2 h5 29.Kf2 g5 30.Ra2 Nd3+ 0-1 Lopes, S-Simonsen, M/corr CXEB 1988/)

13...Nb6 (13...Qc7 14.Bd2 Rab8 15.Rfa1 Rb7 16.Ra8 Rfb8 17.e4 Ne8 18.R1a5 h6 19.Qa2 Kh7 20.Rxb8 Nxb8 21.Na4 Nd7 22.Ra8 Ndf6 23.b6 Qd7 24.Qc4 Qg4 25.h3 Qxe4 26.Qxe4 Nxe4 27.Rxe8 Nf6 28.Ra8 Nxd5 29.Ra7 Rb8 30.Ba5 Bf6 31.Nd2 Kg7 32.Nc4 Nf4 33.b7 Ne6 34.Bb6 d5 35.Na5 d4 36.Nc6 d3 37.Ba5 c4 38.Nxb8 c3 39.Bxc3 1-0 Sorin, A-Pingas, B/Buenos Aires ARG 1990/; 13...Qb6 14.Nd2 Qc7 15.Nc4 Nb6 16.Nxb6 Qxb6 17.e4 Rfb8 18.Bg5 Qb7 19.Rfa1 Rxa3 20.Qxa3 Ne8 21.h4 Nc7 22.Qa7 f6 23.Bf4 Kf8 24.Qxb7 Rxb7 25.Ra5 f5 26.f3 Ke8 27.Kf1 Kd8 28.Ke2 Bxc3 29.bxc3 Rxb5 30.Rxb5 Nxb5 31.Kd3 fxe4+ 32.fxe4 Kd7 33.Kc4 Nc7 34.e5 e6 35.dxe6+ Nxe6 36.Bg3 dxe5 37.Bxe5 Kc6 38.g3 Nf8 39.g4 ½-½ Schulien, C-Wiedenkeller, M/Dayton USA 1985/ ½-½ Schulien, C-Wiedenkeller, M/Dayton USA 1985/; 13...Ne8 14.e4 Nc7 15.Bg5 Rb8 16.Qc4 h6 17.Be3 Kh7 18.Rb3 Nb6 19.Qe2 f5 20.exf5 Rxf5 21.Nh4 Rf8 22.Re1 Bxc3 23.bxc3 c4 24.Bxb6 cxb3 25.Qd3 Rf6 26.Bd4 1-0 Gibbons, B-Chapman, T/corr ICCF 1985/)

14.e4 Nfd7

(14...Qc7 15.Bg5 h6 16.Be3 Nfd7 17.Ra6 Nb8 18.Rxa8 Nxa8 19.Ra1 Nb6 20.Nd2 N8d7 21.Nc4 Nxc4 22.Qxc4 Nb6 23.Qb3 Rb8 24.Ra6 Kh7 25.h3 Bf6 26.Nb1 Bd4 27.Na3 Bxe3 28.Qxe3 c4 29.Nc2 Nd7 30.Ra7 Rb7 31.Rxb7 Qxb7 32.Na3 Nb6 33.Qc3 Qc7 34.b3 f5 35.exf5 gxf5 36.bxc4 Nxd5 37.Qd3 Nb6 38.Qxf5+ Kg7 39.Qg4+ Kf6 40.Qf4+ Kg7 41.Qg3+ Kf6 42.Qf3+ Ke5 43.Qe3+ Kf5 44.Qxh6 1-0 Sulypa, A-Diadychko, V/Alushta UKR 2004/)

15.Be3 Qc7 16.Rfa1 Qb7 17.Ra6 f5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Ng5 Bxc3 20.Qxc3 Qxd5 21.Nh3 e5 22.Bh6 Rf6 23.Rxa8+ Nxa8 24.Qd2 Nab6 25.Qg5+ Kf7 26.Qg7+ Ke8 27.Qh8+ Ke7 28.Bg5 Qf7 29.Ra7 Nd5 30.Qc8 N5b6 31.Qc6 Ke6 32.Bxf6 Qxf6 33.f4 h6 34.fxe5 Qxe5 35.Ra1 Qe4 36.Rd1 Qxc6 37.bxc6 Nb8 38.Re1+ Kd5 39.c7 Na6 40.Nf4+ Kc6 41.Re6 Nxc7 42.Rxh6 c4 43.Rf6 Na4 44.Rxf5 Nxb2 45.Ne2 Nb5 46.h4 Nd3 47.h5 Ne5 48.h6 Ng6 49.h7 Nc7 50.Rf6 1-0 Watson, J-Wall, B/Fort Worth USA 1984/]

12...Na6!

[12...Nbd7 13.Re1 (13.Nc3 Ng4 14.Qe2 Nge5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.f4 Nd7 17.e4 Qb6 18.Kh1 Rfb8 19.h4 Nf6 20.e5 Nh5 21.Kh2 Bh6 22.g4 Nxf4 23.Bxf4 Bxf4+ 24.Rxf4 dxe5 25.Rf2 c4 26.Qf3 f6 27.Nb5 Rf8 28.Rg2 Qc5 29.Qf2 Qb4 30.Qc2 Rfd8 31.Rd2 c3 32.Qxc3 Qxg4 33.Qg3 Qb4 34.Nc3 Rd6 35.Kh3 Kg7 36.Qe3 Qc4 37.Qd3 Qc8+ 38.Kg2 Qg4+ 39.Qg3 Qb4 40.Kh3 Qc4 41.Qd3 Qc8+ 42.Kg3 h5 43.Qe4 e6 44.Nb5 Rxd5 45.Rc3 Qg8 46.Qe3 Rc8 47.Rxd5 exd5

48.Qa7+ Kh6 49.Nd6 Rxc3+
 50.bxc3 g5 51.Nf5+ Kg6 52.Ne7+
 1-0 Gunyecz,Z-Kadar,J/Nyiregyhaza
 HUN 2003/) 13...Qb6 14.e4 Qb7
 (14...Ng4 15.Nd2 Nde5 16.h3 Nf6
 17.f4 Ned7 18.Nc4 Qa6 19.b3 Rfc8
 20.e5 dxe5 21.fxe5 Ne8 22.e6 Nf8
 23.exf7+ Kxf7 24.d6 Rd8 25.Qf3+
 Kg8 1-0 Klein,J-Mohrmann,H/Bayern
 GER 2001/) 15.Qc2 Rfc8 16.Nd2
 Nb6 17.b3 Ne8 18.Nc4 Nxc4
 19.bxc4 Nc7 20.Ree3 Ra6 21.Bd2
 Bh6 22.Rh3 Bg7 23.Rhb3 Qa8
 24.Nxc7 Rxc7 25.Qb1 Rc8 26.a5
 e6 27.Rb7 exd5 28.exd5 Re8
 29.Rab3 Rxa5 30.Bxa5 Qxa5
 31.Rb8 Rxb8 32.Rxb8+ Bf8 33.g3
 Qc3 34.Qe4 h5 35.Qe7 Qg7
 36.Qxd6 1-0 Nikolaidis,K-Bozinovic,B/
 Plovdiv BUL 2008/]

13.Re1

[13.Nc3!? Qc7 14.Nd2 c4 15.Qe2
 Nb4 16.Qxc4 Qxc4 17.Nxc4 Nfxd5
 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.e4 Rfc8 20.b3
 Nc3 21.Nb6 Ne2+ 22.Kh1 Rxc1
 23.Rxc1 Nxc1 24.Nxa8 Bb2 25.b4
 Bxa3 26.b5 Nb3 27.Nb6 Na5
 28.Nd5 Kf8 29.Kg1 e6 30.Ne3 Bc5
 31.Nc2 Ke7 32.Kf1 Kd7 33.Ke2 Kc7
 34.f4 d5 35.exd5 exd5 36.g4 Nb3
 37.Kd3 Bg1 38.h3 Nc5+ 39.Kc3
 Nxa4+ 40.Kb4 Nb6 41.f5 Nc8
 42.fxg6 fxg6 43.Ne1 Kd6 44.Nf3
 Be3 45.h4 h6 46.h5 g5 47.Ka5 Nb6
 48.Ka6 Nc4 49.Ne1 Ne5 50.b6
 Bxb6 51.Kxb6 Nxg4 52.Kb5 Nf6
 53.Nf3 Nxb5 54.Nh2 Nf6 55.Kb4
 Ke5 56.Kc3 Ke4 57.Kd2 h5 58.Nf1
 h4 0-1 Nagy-Simon,N/Aggtelek HUN
 1994/]

13...Ne4!

[13...Nc7?! 14.Nxc7 Qxc7 15.e4
 Nd7 16.Qc2 Rfb8 17.b3 Qb7

18.Bd2 Qa6 19.Bc3 Bxc3 20.Qxc3
 Rb4 21.Nd2 Rab8 22.Nc4 Nb6
 23.Nd2 Qa5 24.h4 h5 25.g3 Qa6
 26.a5 Na8 27.Nc4 Nc7 28.Qd3 Nb5
 29.Nd2 Rd4 30.Qe2 Rxd2 31.Qxd2
 Nxa3 32.e5 dxe5 33.Rxe5 Qd6
 34.Re4 Nb5 0-1 Hristovski,S-
 Stojanovski,D/Struga FRM 2008/]

14.Nc3

[14.Nd2 Nxd2 15.Qxd2 Nc7!?
 16.Nxc7 Qxc7 17.Qc2 Rfc8 18.e4
 Qb7± Myers]

14...Nxc3 15.bxc3 Qa5 16.Bd2

[16.c4! Ra7 17.e4 Nb4 18.h4 Qc7
 19.h5 Rfa8 20.e5± Myers]

16...Rfb8

[16...c4! 17.e4 Nc5 18.Nd4 Nd3
 19.Rf1 Bxd4 20.cxd4 Qa7± Myers]

17.e4 Rb2

[17...c4!?]

18.h4?!

[18.Qc1!?]

18...Rab8

[18...c4! 19.Qe2 Rb3 20.Ra2 Bxc3
 21.Rc1 Qb4 22.Rac2 Bxd2 23.Nxd2
 Qxa4 24.Rxc4 Qa2= Myers]

19.h5?!

[19.c4!?]

19...c4! 20.hxg6

[20.Qe2!?]

20...hxg6 21.Qe2□

[21.Ng5? Nc5! 22.Rf1 Bf6 23.e5
 dxe5 24.Ra1 R8b7 25.Bc1 Rb1
 26.Rxb1 Rxb1 27.Qc2 Ra1+
 Myers]

21...Qc5?

[21...R8b3!?]

22.Rea1 e6

[22...Rb1+!?]

23.dxe6 fxe6 24.g3

[24.e5! Qd5 25.exd6 Nc5 26.Rd1
 Nd3 27.a5 Bf8 28.a6 Bxd6 29.Ra5
 Bc5 30.Nd4± Myers]

24...Rb1+

[24...Qc6!?]

25.Kg2 Rxa1?

[25...Qh5!?]

26.Rxa1 Rb2 27.Qe1

[27.Qd1! Bf6 28.a5 Rb3 29.Qh1
Qh5 30.Qxh5 gxh5 31.Rd1 Ra3
32.Be3 Rxa5 33.Rxd6 Bxc3
34.Rxe6+- **Myers**]

27...Qa5

[27...Qa7!?]

28.Qc1

[28.Qh1!?]

28...Rb3?

[28...Rb8!?]

29.Nd4?!

[29.Ng5! Bf6 30.Nxe6 Qe5 31.Nd4
Nc5 32.Qc2 Rb7 33.a5+- **Myers**]

29...Nc5 30.Bh6!

[30.Nxb3? Nxb3 31.Qd1 Nxd2
32.Qxd2 Bxc3 33.Qxd6 Bxa1
34.Qxe6+ Kg7 35.Qxc4= **Myers**]

30...Rb7?

[30...Qa8!?]

**31.Bxg7 Kxg7 32.Qe3! Qa8 33.Rh1!
e5?**

[33...Rf7!?]

34.Nf5+! Kf6 35.Qf3

[35.Nxd6! Rc7 36.f4 Nd3 37.Qb6
Rc6 38.fxe5+ Nxe5 39.Qd4 Qa5
40.Rh7+- **Myers**]

35...Ke6 36.Rh6 Rf7 37.Rxg6+ Kd7

38.Rxd6+ Kc7 39.Rd5 Nd3 40.Qh5

Qg8 41.Qh6! Nf4+ 42.Kg1 Nxd5

43.Qd6+

[43.Qd6+ Kb7 44.Qxd5+ Kb8
45.Nh6+- **Blechar**]

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A59

□ **Makarov,Aleksandr**

■ **Boissel,Brice**

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1998

[TA]

A59: Benko/Volga Gambit: White
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Y: '45/79 " 45/79 Seirawan,Yasser:
'Seirawan,Y: '45/79 " 45/79 Seirawan,
Yasser: 'Seirawan,Y: '45/79 " 45/79
Seirawan,Yasser: 'Seirawan,Y: '45/79 "
Inf 45/79' es by hand

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 d6 7.e4 Bxf1
8.Kxf1 g6 9.g4 Bg7 10.Kg2 0-0
0.50/16**

[10...Na6= 0.01/18]

11.g5 -0.11/18

[11.h3± 0.50/16]

11...Nh5

[11...Nfd7 12.h4 Na6 13.h5 Qc7
14.Qg4 Rfb8 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.Qh4
Nf8 17.Nf3 Qd7 18.Nh2 Nb4
19.Ng4 Nd3 20.Rh3 Nxc1 21.Rxc1
Rxb2 22.Rch1 Rab8 23.Nf6+ exf6
24.gxf6 Bxf6 25.Qxf6 Nh7 26.Qf4
1-0 (27) Seirawan,Y (2595)-Belotti,B
(2340) Lugano 1988]

12.Nge2 f5N 0.43/20

[12...Qc8= -0.09/18]

[12...e5 13.h4 f6 14.Qd3 Ra7
15.Qh3 Raf7 16.Be3 fxg5 17.hxg5
Na6 18.Raf1 Rf4 19.Bxf4 exf4
20.Kf3 Nb4 21.Rd1 Qb6 22.Qd7
Rb8 23.Kg4 c4 24.Rxh5 gxh5+
25.Kxh5 Nd3 26.g6 hxg6+ 27.Kg5
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2014 (7) Nc5 28.Qe7 Bf8 29.Qf6
Rb7 30.Rh1 Rg7 31.Qxf4 Be7+
32.Kg4 Nd3 33.Qh2 Nxf2+ 34.Kg3
Qe3+ 35.Kg2 Nxh1 36.Qxh1 Rh7

0-1 9.Nd4 Bd7 10.Nc2 (2406)-Usachyi,
M (2495) 124/12 Doha 2014 (7)]

13.gxf6 -0.01/18

[13.exf5± 0.43/20 Qc8 14.f6]

13...Rxf6=



14.e5!? -0.75/18 dxe5 0.01/17
Black is more active.

[14...Rf8± -0.75/18]

15.Ne4 Rf8 16.d6! Nd7 17.Bg5±
White puts up resistance 17...Ndf6

18.Nxc5 Qxd6 19.Qxd6 exd6 20.Ne6
Rfb8 21.Nxg7 -0.62/20

[21.Rhb1!= -0.05/18]

21...Kxg7± 22.b3 -0.80/17

[22.Rhb1!± -0.41/18
is more appropriate.]

22...d5 -0.28/17

[22...h6± -0.80/17 23.Bxf6+ Nxf6
(23...Kxf6 24.Rhd1±)]

23.Ng3 -0.97/19

[23.Rhc1= -0.28/17]

23...Rb4! -0.01/19

[23...Nxg3!± -0.97/19 24.hxg3 h5]

24.Rhe1= Nf4+ 25.Bxf4 exf4 26.Ne2
Re8 27.Nc3?! And now Rxe8 would win.

[27.f3=]

27...Rf8 28.Kf3 -1.02/20

[28.f3 d4]

[28.h3= -0.01/21]

28...Rc8 -0.65/19

[28...g5± -1.02/20 29.Re5 g4+
30.Kg2 Rd4]

29.Rac1!± g5 30.Kg2? -2.08/18

[30.Ke2!]

[30.Ke2± -0.52/19]

30...Rd4!-+ 31.Nb1? -2.91/19

[31.Kf1± -1.23/18 was worth a try.]

31...Rxc1? -0.96/22

[31...Re4-+ -2.91/19 32.Rxc8 Rxe1]

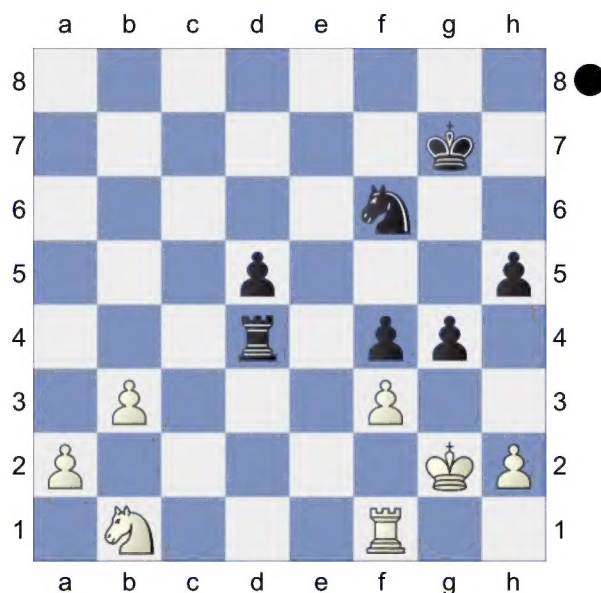
32.Rxc1 Endgame KRN-KRN 32...g4
-0.61/19

[32...Kg6!-+ -1.63/19 White must now
prevent ...g4. 33.h3 h5]

33.f3 -2.61/20

[33.h3± -0.61/19]

33...h5 34.Rf1



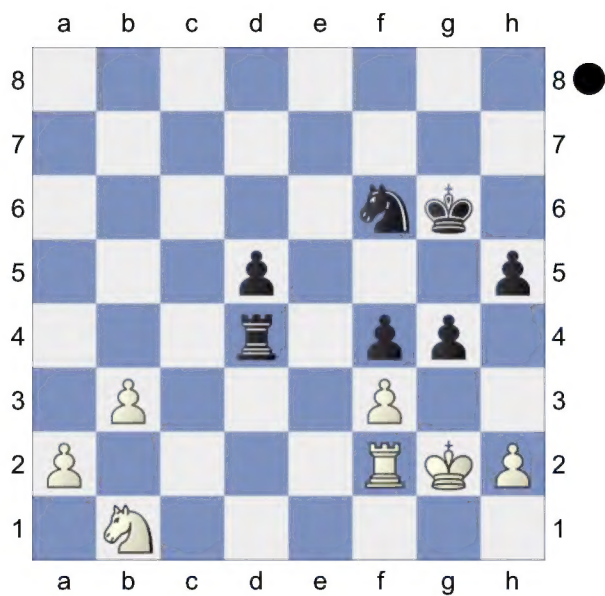
Kg6? -1.02/19

[34...Kh6!-+ -2.64/20 35.Rf2 gxf3+
36.Kxf3 Ne4]

35.Rf2? -4.38/21

[35.a4± -1.02/19]

(Diagram)



35...Kf5? -1.25/19

[35...gxf3+!-+ -4.38/21 has better winning chances. 36.Kxf3 Rd1 37.Kxf4 Rxb1]

36.Nc3? -7.47/23

[36.Rd2⚡ -1.25/19 Ke5 37.Rxd4 Kxd4 38.Kf2]

36...h4 Black is clearly winning. **37.h3 gxf3+ 38.Rxf3 Ne4 39.a4 Ng5 40.Rf2**

Against Rd2 40...Rd3 41.Rc2 f3+

[41...Rxh3 42.Nxd5 Rg3+ (42...Rxb3? 43.Kh1-+) 43.Kh1-+]

42.Kf1

Weighted Error Value: White=1.11/
Black=0.74

42...d4

0-1